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**Western Class C quarterfinal
playoffs today: #3-seed THS
Baseball faces #6 Lisbon
at home; #6 THS Softball on
the road against #3 Lisbon.**

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THS will graduate 65 Friday

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Telstar Regional High School Class of 2012 will graduate Friday evening, June 8.

Sixty-five seniors will receive their diplomas in a ceremony that begins at 7 p.m. at the school.

Graduation Week activities began Tuesday with Senior Scholarship Night.

On Wednesday the seniors went on a class trip to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire.

Tonight (Thursday) family and friends will gather for "A Coming Together" celebration.

Friday night's Commencement will begin with "Pomp and Circumstance," played by pianist W. Thomas Coolidge.

'Coming Together' Celebration tonight

Principal Dan Hart will open the ceremony, and senior Emily Bellinger will perform the National Anthem.

Guest speaker Antonio Solis will follow.

Third-honors student Britany Douglass, salutatorian Emily Bellinger and valedictorian Adam Mahar will then speak.

"Reflections" will be offered by class members Joshua Head, Taylor Kelly and Adam Mahar.

The choral selection "How Far We've Come" by Matchbox Twenty, will follow, sung by all class members and accompanied by pianist Hal Harren and drummer Matthew Keane.

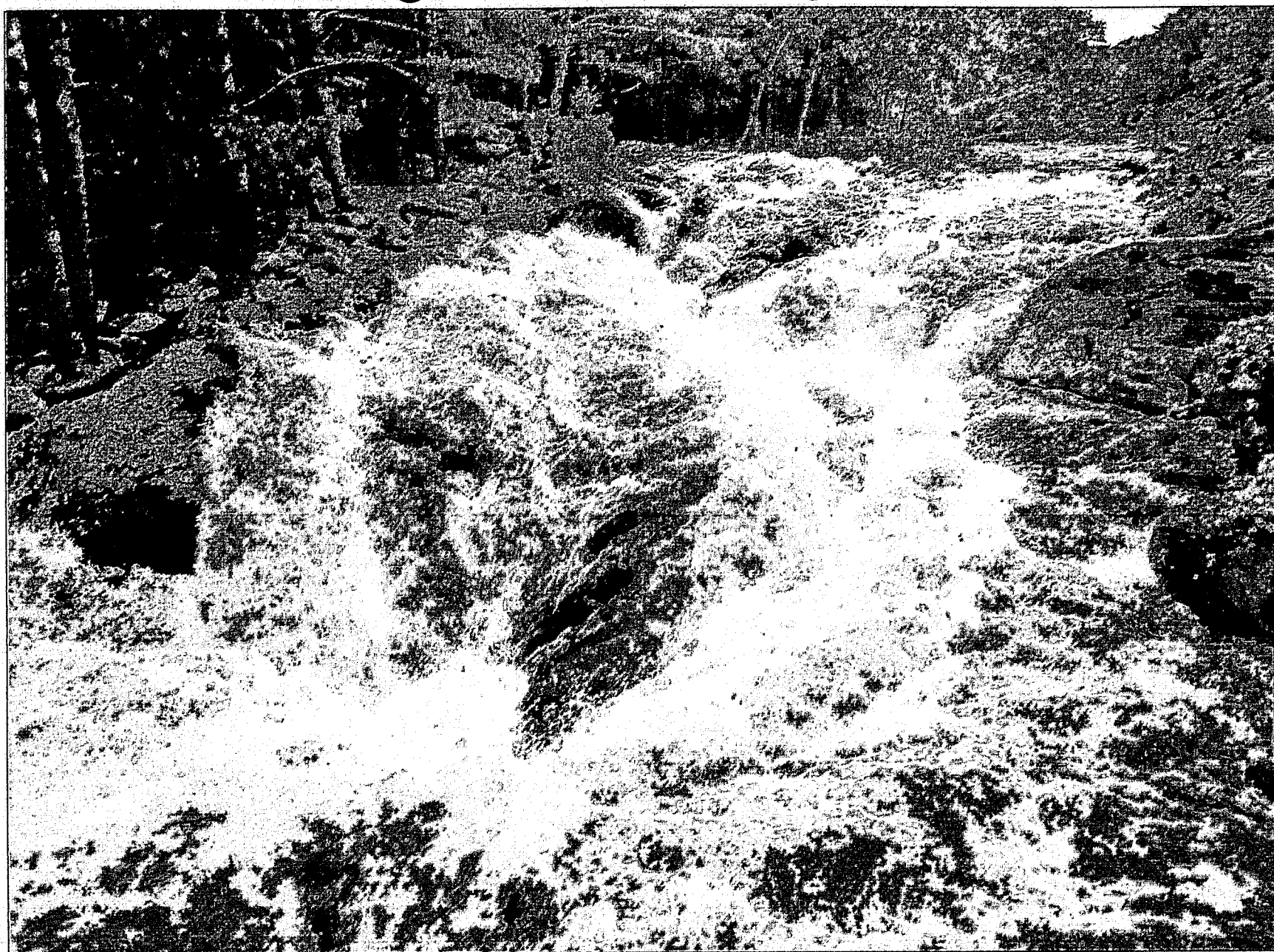
Sid Pew, chair of the SAD 44 Board of Directors, will offer congratulatory remarks.

Superintendent David Murphy, Ed.D., will certify the graduates, and Hart will then offer remarks and present the diplomas.

Class advisors Ellen Marshall and Sarah Southam will give the farewell, and Dean of Students Charles Raymond will close the ceremony.

The graduates will then participate in Project Graduation events in the Windham/Portland area.

Little Scrog lion roars through Snow Falls



A STEADY STREAM OF VISITORS stopped by Snow Falls in West Paris over the weekend, to enjoy the cataract spectacle fueled by recent rains. Engineer Jim Sysko, working from data provided by the U.S. Geological Service gauging station on the river between Snow Falls and West Paris, estimates that at the time this photo was taken 2,500 to 3,000 cubic feet of water per second was passing over the falls. And the lion did not sleep at night — peak flow, recorded Sunday night, reached 4,800 cubic feet per second.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Selectmen replace petitioned Sign Ordinance article

By MICHAEL DANIELS

By a vote of 3-1 Monday evening, Bethel selectmen chose not to put a controversial article to abolish the town's Sign Ordinance on the warrant for next week's annual town meeting.

Instead, voters will be presented with the following article: "To see what

sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of hiring an accomplished consultant specializing in Sign Ordinance issues to facilitate and direct the Committee for Sign Ordinance Reform (C.S.O.R.) in its revision of the Bethel Sign Ordinance. (Ch. 136) of the Town Code."

The new article replaces on the warrant an article asking simply: "Shall the Town vote to repeal the Sign Ordinance (Ch. 136) of the Town Code."

The latter article was generated by a petition signed by 133 residents and presented to the selectmen last month.

The petition called for

eliminating the Sign Ordinance "as it is now written."

In prepared remarks Monday, Selectman Don Bennett said: "That petition was considered illegal by some, flawed by others, and also, by many who signed it, 'It was a message I was sending.'"

Bennett said the select-

men, who had long acknowledged the present ordinance was flawed, got the message.

The problems with the ordinance were "brought front and center by the petition," he said, and it generated a vigorous debate that breathed, with help

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No bids for Newry road work

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry will hold a special town meeting July 16 to consider a three-year contract for winter maintenance of its roads.

Selectmen made the decision Monday to call a meeting, after they received no bids to maintain winter roads for one year.

The roads had previously been maintained by contractor D.A. Wilson, but at Newry's annual town meeting in March, towns-

people said they wanted the work to go out to bid in the future.

Selectmen put out a request for bids last month for one year only, because a longer-term contract would have required approval at a special town meeting, which they had hoped to avoid.

At Tuesday's meeting, Town Administrator Loretta Powers said several contractors told her they would not bid for just one year. "If

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But W'stock buried in bids

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen Tuesday received so many bids for work on the Concord Pond Road and for paving/reclaiming several other roads, that they postponed the choice of contractors for a week.

Three contractors bid on work for the Old County, Bird Hill, Dudley, Heikkinen, Church and town office roads/streets, while seven bid on the Concord Pond Road.

In order to give the board time to

compare the specifics, selectmen scheduled a special meeting for next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The bids for the Concord Pond Road varied widely, with the highest bid more than twice the lowest. They were as follows: Wilson Excavation \$75,950; Freeman's Construction \$69,000; Steve Swasey \$59,750; Keith Hadley \$49,950; Cross Excavation, \$41,033; D.A. Wilson 38,889; and Ken Ko-

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Saturday, June 23

Telstar Middle/High School

Yard Sale begins at 8:00am

Auction Preview at 5:30 pm

Auction Starts at 6:30 pm

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Andover	8-8	Town Hall
Bethel/Mason	8-8	CPS Gym
Gilead	10-8	Town Hall
Greenwood	10-8	JS Legion Hall
Hanover	10-8	Town Office
Newry	8-8	Town Office
Upton	10-8	Town Office
W'stock/Milton	10-8	Town Office

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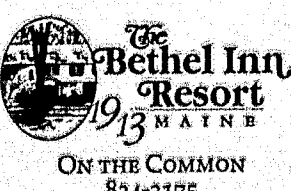
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SCHNEIDER FOR SENATE

To the Editor:

With Olympia Snowe's decision to retire, we have a critical election on Tuesday, June 12, to choose our Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate. There are many candidates running, but I am proud to support the one who can get things done in Washington and fight for the people of Maine Bill Schneider.

Bill is a remarkable leader who has served our country with courage and honor, and he is a longtime friend whom I respect and admire.

After graduating from West Point, he served in the demilitarized zone in Korea and as the Captain of a Special Operations Team with the 10th Special Forces Group, better known as the Green Berets. He attended Army Ranger school while still a Cadet, an opportunity afforded only to a few, and earned his Senior Airborne Wings. Bill retired from the U.S. Army as a Captain due to a service-connected injury.

Bill graduated from the University of Maine Law School, served as Maine's Assistant Attorney General where he tried cases against drug traffickers, led the U.S. Attorney's Anti-Terrorism efforts for Maine and now serves as Maine's 56th Attorney General.

We need a proven leader who can move the nation forward by helping to solve the critical issues facing all of us skyrocketing healthcare costs, irresponsible debt and deficits, and serious threats to our national security.

I know Bill will be a tireless advocate for Maine and fight for less government, lower taxes, a balanced budget, stronger defense, and more individual freedom for Americans.

I hope you will join me in supporting Bill Schneider for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, June 12.

Bill needs your support to get his message to Republicans. Please visit his website and make a contribution today.

Les Otten
Greenwood

APPALLED

To the Editor:

I've never written a letter to the editor, I'm pretty laid back, not a lot bothers me, but when things happen that the general public wouldn't hear about I feel the need to make some noise. I'm a real estate broker in this town and have been for 21 years. In my job we are expected to work by a code of ethics, "doing the right thing."

At the selectmen's meeting on June 4, 2012 the selectmen decided to remove the article from the warrant regarding abolishing the town sign ordinance and voted to add an article to rework the sign ordinance. One-hundred thirty-three people signed the petition that was presented to the town; I guess, in the eyes of the selectmen their opinion has no value.

Whether you are for the sign ordinance or not is not what I'm concerned with here, it's the concept that these selectmen, voted into office by the voters of Bethel, feel that they should make decisions as to what the voters of Bethel see on the town warrant at town meeting.

Shouldn't the selectmen's personal agendas be left at home, after all, they can voice their opinion at town meeting like the rest of us. It appears to me that I could start a petition and have every voter in Bethel sign it, present it to the selectmen and they can say, "We don't like your idea so we won't put your article on the warrant." Is that the way we want the town to be run? The selectmen may have the right to do this, but is it ethical; did they do the right thing? Why does the faction for the sign ordinance have more rights than the faction that is against the ordinance? Should the selectmen put both articles on the warrant and let the voters decide?

We were allowed to vote on whether to keep the Bethel Police Department; I think that was a way bigger issue but we were still allowed to vote on it.

All of you out there that signed the petition to repeal the sign ordinance should be irate! Maybe the selectmen should have a refresher course on ethics at the next selectmen's meeting before they tackle any more of the town's business. Bob Everett, you can come late, your ethics are obviously intact.

Ed Kennett
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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CANDIDATE FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

My name is Peter Southam, and I am running for selectman for the Town of Bethel. My wife, Sarah, and I have been enjoying life in Bethel for twenty-one years. We own a business, Bethel Bicycle, and we teach at Gould Academy and Telstar High School respectively. I have decided to run for Selectman because it is time for me to give back to this town, which we have enjoyed for so long.

Bethel is a wonderful town because it is made up of many people who work hard and love this area. There are many people here who have chosen Bethel because it is: "Maine's most beautiful mountain village." This is important, and something we should strive to maintain. On the other hand, everyone here needs to earn a living and wishes to provide the best opportunities for his or her family. This can lead to tension, as we are currently seeing in the debate over the local sign ordinance. It will take creative leadership to maintain a constructive balance. I was struck at last week's public hearing about the sign ordinance by the fact that most everyone in the room was interested in the same thing: a less cumbersome and more fair set of rules. I believe we can provide this so that our local businesses can be stronger and more competitive while still maintaining the character of our town.

I am willing to listen to a wide array of viewpoints, and to treat individuals and their ideas with respect. I also know that we have to move forward with the sign ordinance and with other decisions facing Bethel to avoid the feeling that our town cannot get anything done or is hostile to business.

I plan to work from the perspective of "How can I help?" There are many people in Bethel with great ideas and a lot of energy and talent. I will do my best to help the community by removing obstacles and encouraging the forward progress of good ideas. At the same time, I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility and keeping our taxes as low as possible by making sure that new projects are not funded or left to be maintained by the town, but instead by those who care for them the most.

If you have any questions about my candidacy, please e-mail at peter.southam@gouldacademy.org or call me at (207) 418-7905. You can also usually find me at the bike shop. I am excited by the opportunity to serve our town, and I hope that you will vote for me next week.

Peter Southam
Bethel

CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

To the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago I sent a letter announcing my willingness to be a write-in Candidate for the SAD 44 School Board. If you wish to vote for me, which I hope you do, please print my name Timothy A. Carter and place a check in the box next it.

I would also like to make a correction. Before I served a full three-year term. At the end of this term I did not seek re-election to devote my time to my family and farm.

Timothy Carter
Bethel

SELECTMEN CAVE

To the Editor:

A few years ago, the Bethel Selectmen held a lawful town meeting to ask the townspeople whether or not they wanted to dissolve the local police department. The people at the meeting answered with a resounding yes. Afterward a smaller group of people pushed a petition and made a lot of noise about an "unfair vote" in an effort to keep the police department. The selectmen chose to ignore the town meeting voters, caving in to those too apathetic to participate. We had to vote a second time, with the same outcome.

In the fall of 2010, Bethel town officials ignored significant structural renovations that required a building permit under town code. When the Code Enforcement Officer was informed of this work-in-progress, he ignored the situation. The CEO would not even ride down the street to take a look. When the selectmen were notified of the CEO's inaction they also did nothing, effectively ignoring ordinances they were sworn to uphold.

Now it appears the selectmen want to eliminate maximum noise limits at bars in Bethel, as they are proposing to do just that via an Entertainment Ordinance amendment heading to town meeting. Town officials never bothered to enforce what was on the books anyway. At least there was something there if things got too far out-of-hand, now there will be nothing. Perhaps this amendment will be followed by common sense noise restrictions on bars?

Finally, as the matter of the Sign Ordinance progresses, it once again appears the selectmen have chosen to cave to a small group of people (not all of whom are town residents) rather than uphold the wishes of voting townspeople.

In this case, the petitioners have every right to circulate a petition and force a vote to keep or repeal the Sign Ordinance. But it should be done in accordance with statute and local ordinance and neither has occurred. That hasn't stopped the selectmen though, as they have fallen over themselves to accommodate a few while trampling others in the process.

The consistent theme in these examples is the Bethel Board of Selectmen taking the easy way out and compromising the system - our system.

When the selectmen fail to uphold and adhere to the ordinances adopted at town meetings, they are effectively ignoring those voters. They are telling the people who took the time to go to a town meeting, "you wasted your time."

Why do they behave this way? Is there a better way of doing things?

Mark Egeberg
Bethel

ST. NEVER'S DAY SALE THANKS

To the Editor:

The 15th annual Bethel Historical Society's recent St. Never's Day Sale was one of the most successful ever. Many thanks go to all those who donated items so generously. In addition, much gratitude is extended to this year's volunteers including Jackie Bell, Mary Ennis, Cayte Vogt, Leigh Ross, Jack Chapman, Tammy MacDormand, Gail Olson, Grace McKiveragan, Tineke Ouwinga, Fumi Head and Pat McCartney who made it all possible. Staff support from BHS Executive Director Randall Bennett and office manager Danna Nickerson was also much appreciated. Thanks are also due to our many longtime loyal patrons and all the new ones who found us in 2012. All funds raised from this project go to support Bethel Historical Society operations.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped make one of Bethel's favorite events successful once more.

Stan Howe
Co-Ordinator, St. Never's Day Sale

Celladore

'BDI Comes. why don't you keep a cow?'

Under the Japanese plum tree on the lawn, as nonchalantly as a lady at a garden party, BDI strolled about, now and then daintily finding a plum to his liking. We went out the north door, around the house, and started to herd him toward the barn. He did not herd. He did not race with his former mad glee, but adroitly dodged in the direction of freedom. We gave up. He had known enough to find his way back from the deep woods; presumably he would go back to his pen when he was hungry or thirsty enough. B.B. lowered the window that he should have "highered" to make it easy for him to jump in.

Next morning we went out; no BDI there. We left his food, lunchtime came, no BDI there. There was a commotion in the pasture. Kristie and Susie were galloping about with more speed than they ever put on at midday. There was BDI having himself a fine frolic at the expense of the so-considered higher level of animal intelligence. He would approach the forefeet of one of the horses and pretend to bite it. The horse lowered his head and started on a chase after his tormentor. Halfway to the fence, BDI dodged the chase again, he dodged and seemed to laugh as they sailed by. After he was tired of the game he went off under the fence to eat acorns under the oak trees. We thought by night he surely would be hungry, but to lure him laid a trail of corn across the yard and into the barn to his pen. Next morning the corn had been eaten only as far as the barn door. We tried it again; the same thing happened. We gave up. He would probably revert to a wild pig and some hunter would shoot him in November.

But BDI did not get thin, nor wild. We saw him very often. He allowed us to get near enough to almost touch him. He even seemed to enjoy the sound of our coaxing voices. When we ate lunch on the porch, he came trotting up the driveway to visit us, quite like the lord of the manor paying a call. But we were never able to get him into his pen.

A few weeks later the Brown boys from Hanover came to make a "horse talk visit" with B.B. They wondered what a pig was doing in the pasture so we told them our tale of woe. "Beaten by a pig," B.B. concluded with humor. They did not laugh as everyone else had at our plight. Rather they volunteered to take our walking sticks and catch him for us. With apparent ease, they soon had him in the pen. B.B. boarded up the window to the ceiling; not even an antelope could have jumped out now. Our thanks were profuse and we promised them any cut of meat they wanted, come winter, if he stayed in and we could keep him. Previously I had thought it would be heartless to even think of eating our dear little pet. Now I could not care less. After the boys left we went out to see what the pig was doing. He lay sleeping beatifically as though dreaming of zucchini or an angel's song. (He slept for two complete days, then resumed his normal pen life.)

"How did the Brown boys get him?" I asked. "Was it skill or youth?" "Both," said B.B.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel firefighters worked for two hours to extricate the driver of an overturned chip truck on Route 5.

Cathy Newell retired after 23 years as SAD 44's Adult Education director.

Jared Rice, 8, caught an 18 inch, 2 1/4 pound large-mouth bass in Songo Pond.

Births: Samuel Hugh Morton, Tara Mae Elizabeth Larson, Madison Melinda Day, Trey James Meader, Kaitlyn Stephanie Bragdon.

Deaths: Elizabeth F. Rowe, Kennard F. Bennett, Edith M. Dudley, Gerald A. Billings, Sr., Leroy Newkirk, James L. Kimball.

20 years ago: The Bethel Tree and Beautification Committee was overseeing the planting of nine little leaf linden trees along Main Street.

The Children's Dance Theater of Bethel presented Mary Poppins.

Births: William Albert Hinkley, Jr., Phillip Raymond Mullen.

30 years ago: Mrs. Ida Chapman accepted the position of dining room manager at the Bethel Inn.

Andy Chase received the Michael S. Brooks Outstanding Senior Athlete Award at Telstar.

Birth: Heather Lea Gibson.

Deaths: Earl L. Morgan, Ralph Young, Ferol E. Godwin.

40 years ago: Mrs. Brown's third grade at Crescent Park School gave a Science Program for parents.

The SAD 44 board of directors accepted the resignation of Dr. H. William Yeo as assistant principal at Telstar.

Births: Rachel Florine Williams, Deborah Gwen Barker.

Death: Hollis E. Hutchinson.

50 years ago: A buffalo calf born at Rumford Wild Animal Farm was attracting many visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdick W. Pierce purchased the Upson property on Broad Street from Mrs. Leonora Knowles.

Birth: Dorrie Lynn Harrington.

Deaths: R. Clyde Dunham, Mrs. Eva M. Lord.

60 years ago: Heavy rainfall damaged roads and crops in the area.

Mrs. Edith Eypper entertained her piano pupils at a picnic at her home.

Deaths: Alfred Mason, Guy L. Thurston, Mrs. Mertie Henderson.

70 years ago: Fingerprints of 123 Bethel Civilian Defense workers were taken in Bethel.

Jesse Vashaw of Berlin, a Bethel native, was drowned when a fishing boat overturned on Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

80 years ago: G. K. Hastings & Sons of East Bethel planted 19 acres of potatoes.

Deaths: Llewellyn Holt, Herbert A. Record.

90 years ago: Owen Demeritt bought a home on Mechanic Street.

100 years ago: Prof. W. R. Chapman moved to the Ryerson place in Mayville which he had recently purchased.

The Methodist Church was painted.

Death: Edmund E. Holt.

110 years ago: Dynamite was used to break the jam of logs which caught on the pier at the "Toll" bridge.

Edwin C. Rowe sold a pair of bay colts to Mr. Sanborn of Chase & Sanborn, Boston, for \$600.

Horace Annas moved from the Locke Mills road to the Eames place on Mason Street.

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Letters

BUSINESS PLANNING FORUM

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber's Strategic Planning Task Force would like to invite all members of the business community from throughout the region to an open forum, scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ordway Dining Hall at Gould Academy.

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting a climate for successful business for its members. The Chamber has done this in a variety of ways over the years including, but not limited to, a fairly broad and aggressive marketing campaign; facilitating networking events, some with speakers on a topic of interest to businesses; organizing many seasonal events to bring visitors to the Bethel area; facilitating business and marketing trainings; and staffing a visitor information center.

The leadership of the Chamber recognizes the need to review and assess its strategy and tactics and to formulate a strategic plan so as to provide the best service for its member businesses into the future.

The Task Force recognizes the need for feedback and input from both its members, from businesses that have never been members, as well as those who were once members. It is an important part of the Task Force's work that everyone's ideas and concerns be articulated, so that we can better plan for the future of this business organization.

Please plan to attend, even if you have never been to a chamber event before. The input the Task Force receives will be a valuable part of the recommendations for the future. For planning purposes of seating and refreshments, please RSVP to the chamber office, 824-2282, by Friday, June 22, at 5 p.m.

Bill Strauss

Chairman, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce
Strategic Planning Task Force

COULD USE MORE OF THAT

To the Editor:

The C. McGrew letter last week attempts to rebut Mr. Blanco's letter, which properly addresses demeanor issues in our community. But Mr. McGrew conflates the positive and negative actions by certain members of our community in the attempt to glorify the former while burying the latter.

Famous and infamous characters throughout history have had similar champions, making entertaining reading for unaffected readers.

But for affected folks, the behavior in question is corrosive to bedrock values, especially in small rural communities fighting to achieve a high quality of life and a robust future.

Citizens of Bethel have been subjected to threats and threatening behavior by certain individuals and they reject it as unacceptable and intolerable. They correctly recognize such behavior as a threat that affects both individual and collective well being in our community. They have faith that disregard for our community and democratic process has penalties that will discourage transgressions.

Why is that a surprise? Can we afford, especially now, to permit "old west" modes to dominate our town? Or, do we stand up, get involved and solve our problems in a way that will serve our interests well into the future? That's what is happening right now, right here, and if it strikes terror in the hearts of would-be scoundrels and outlaws, so be it. We could indeed use more of that.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

YOUTH FIELD DAY THANKS

To the Editor:

Bryant Pond 4H Camp and learning Center would like to thank all of those that braved the steady rain on Saturday for our 7th annual Youth Field Day! We had an amazing turnout despite the weather and almost all of the activities planned were in full swing. The stocked trout pond was one of the most visited stations with many young anglers catching their limit of feisty brook trout. The new air rifles also got a good workout, as well as all of our brand new archery equipment. We were quite impressed that after lunch, most visitors stayed and continued to explore all of the activities right up until the end!

A special thank you to Emily Macabe, and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for volunteering time and equipment and some nice trout! We'd also like to thank local members of Trout Unlimited for their expertise in fly casting and fly tying.

Youth Field Day has always been our unofficial kick off to the summer camp season and we are ready to go, as many of our amazing staff have begun to arrive for pre-season training.

Ron Fournier

Assistant Program Director, Bryant Pond 4-H Camp

THE ROAD WE SHOULD TAKE

To the Editor:

Since Peter Vigue has had multiple opportunities to convey his vision of an East-West Corridor to the people of Maine and Canada, it is time to have open debate about a project that could define the future of Maine.

Should Maine tie itself to a failed economic model that puts the future of human existence at risk or should it embrace a new local economy?

The proposal is a 220-mile, 500 to 2,000-foot wide, concrete and steel corridor bisecting the state from Calais to Coburn Gore. It's a \$2-billion investment creating an ecological dead zone to move resources and goods in a world economy.

By any standard this world economy is a failure: it has lowered our standard of living, a foreclosure epidemic is driving us from our homes; poverty is on the increase. This world economy pumps more CO2 into the air making us sick and bringing on climate change that will possibly make large parts of the earth uninhabitable.

We do need investment in Maine, investment in a new economy based on local values.

Visionary investors are starting a grist mill in Skowhegan and have opened a food-processing-and-storage facility in Belfast.

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Newry

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they need to buy equipment, that's not long enough for the investment," she said.

"That's my feeling, too," said Freeman Corriveau, who had attended the meeting to submit a bid for other work.

The board will put out a new request for bids, due on July 2, for a three-year proposal.

They will also hold open the option of adding other items to the warrant.

Possibilities include whether or not to require candidates for town office to take out nomination papers before the annual town meeting. The current practice is to nominate candidates from the floor.

Selectman Brooks Morton also raised the question of establishing a town charter to more clearly outline how government

will be conducted, "rather than have bits and pieces passed over the years. It might be worth setting up a study."

Morton also updated the board on discussion at a Work Group (a subgroup of the Oxford County Solid Waste and Recycling Corp.) regarding trash and recycling.

The Work Group has recommended Newry consider single sort recycling (for which households save all their recyclables in one bin to take to the transfer station), because of the large amount of material generated by Sunday River Ski Resort in the winter.

But, said Morton, "how do you tell people at a resort, who are on vacation? They don't want to do it."

Powers said condominium owners who stop by the town office for a dump

sticker often ask about recycling.

But the town officials said guests at the resort's hotels would be unlikely to participate.

Without participation by Sunday River, said Morton, "I don't think it would benefit Newry."

Powers also said that Bethel, with whom Newry shares the Tri-Town Transfer Station, does not favor single sort recycling.

In other business, the board received three bids for roadside mowing: Alan Fleet for \$1,025; Freeman Corriveau for \$3,450; and TRS Timber Maintenance Inc. for \$3,510. Fleet, who has done it in the past, was given the job.

Selectmen also approved a change in town banking from Bangor Savings and Northeast banks to Key Bank.

Signs

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NEW ARTICLE PASSES—Bethel Selectmen (from left) Pat Carter, Don Bennett and Chairman Stan Howe vote to place a new article on the town-meeting warrant, calling for creating and funding a new committee to overhaul the town's current Sign Ordinance.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

from the selectmen, new life into the ongoing but moribund effort to improve the current ordinance.

"Let's quickly look back on the board's path here. This board, I believe, gave life to this process by acknowledging the outcry of those petitioners, by following a process which allowed for a spirited public hearing, and by simply allowing some time for coffee shop debate."

"From this we have all gained some insight, and, I think, a clearer thought process to move ahead."

"We now have a more vivid picture of what this community, and more importantly, what its businesses want and desperately need."

But, he said, the problem would not be solved by throwing out the current ordinance.

"There has simply been too much time and energy put into this ordinance to just toss it out. There is also a tremendous task

ahead to repair it."

Bennett went on to move that the selectmen authorize Town Manager Jim Doar to form and charge a "Committee for Sign Ordinance Reform," and that the petition-generated article for abolishing the ordinance be deleted from the warrant and replaced by the article quoted at the beginning of this article.

But Selectman Bob Everett argued that the petitioned article should be left in for voters to pass judgment on.

"Instead of taking Article 8 and completely removing it from the warrant, I'd like to leave Article 8, and

put in an article before Article 8 to raise the money to do exactly what Don was talking about. That will give the Town of Bethel the opportunity to vote on an article to try and help get this rewritten, by raising the money for it, and it would also give the town the opportunity to express their opinion on Article 8."

He motioned to amend Bennett's article to do that, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

Bennett's motion then passed, with Bennett, Pat Carter, and Chairman Stan Howe voting in the affirmative, and Everett voting against.

Selectman Lloyd Sweetser, who had signed the petition, abstained.

The selectmen then went on to vote that they recommend the town raise \$10,000 for hiring a signs consultant.

Later, during the "Selectmen's Comments and Concerns" portion of the meeting, Bennett said: "We're going to do our very best to get this thing up and running after the town vote. These businesspeople need help. There has to be movement here: the size a little bigger, a little more creativity allowed."

"I just want to publicly say that I'm going to be all over it."

Woodstock

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skela, \$36,500.

For work on the other roads, total bids were: Pike Industries, \$273,244; Bruce Manzer, \$225,055; and White Brothers, \$205,970.

Selectman Ron Deegan said he did not feel comfortable deciding on the spot, and Rick Young and Steve Bies agreed.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the number of bids.

Online tax info

Selectmen decided to take two steps to formally notify property owners of their plan to offer tax-assessment information and photos for individual properties online.

Last month the board decided to pay \$1,700 a year for the service through its assessing agent, O'Donnell and Associates.

Users will be able to search the public information database according to such topics as the name of a property owner, street, map/lot number and docu-

ments.

Having the information available online, said Maxfield, could save significant staff time, as town officials will not receive as many calls and requests for the information.

But property owners will have the ability to "opt out" of having their information on the O'Donnell website.

Maxfield said Tuesday that in the weeks since the board first discussed the move, 10 people have asked to opt out.

Resident George Hooper told the board he thought the town should send a clearer message to townspeople about the plan before it takes effect, because many taxpayers may not realize the details of having their information available online.

Bies agreed. "We need to give people a more complete opportunity to opt out," he said.

The board decided to immediately place a notice in newspapers, as well

as include a notice sent out with tax bills, about a month before the online information would become available. The bills are expected to go out in mid-July.

In other business at Tuesday's meeting, the board:

Learned the Recreation Committee received a donation of \$11,250 from Philippe Gut (the money had originally been donated for a town Rec Center, but the plans did not work out and the town had offered to return the funds to Gut);

Were told of several citizen concerns about a parking safety issue along Route 26 in Bryant Pond Village, and decided to ask Maxfield to meet with parties involved;

Approved a Fire Department request to ask for a minimum bid of \$3,000 for the WFD's old squad truck, and approved making Church Street one-way for several hours Oct. 6 for a WFD "Parade of Lights" and associated activities.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Wet enough for you? Have you had enough rain yet?

On the positive side it is June rather than January when the precipitation would have been snow. It is said that an inch of rain equals 10 inches of snow so we would be dealing with 80-plus inches of snow. Does that make you feel any better?

That little tidbit of knowledge has done nothing to comfort my soggy, wet soul. I guess it's good that the threat of forest fires we had less than a month ago is now nonexistent. I'm sure that the people who depend on wells for their water source are not concerned about running dry in the near future.

The ducks might be happy, but I suspect that even for them there is a point where if they could talk instead of quack they would say, "ENOUGH!"

Those who sell umbrellas probably feel otherwise. I imagine their sales have been quite brisk as of late. On average, 83 million umbrellas are sold each year in the United States. The last few days of rain have probably increased that volume, at least in New England by quite a bit. I was one of those buyers.

I know there are at least three umbrellas somewhere in my house, but where remains a mystery along with so many other lost items. They are of the collapsible portable variety and easily misplaced.

All the umbrellas I looked at were made in

China. No surprise in that as a great deal of what we buy in this country is made in China, but what did surprise me when I did a little research is that the umbrella as we know it was invented in China in 29 A.D.

Yes, I was bored enough with the soggy, wet weather that I actually spent some time researching the history of the umbrella, but I did find some of it quite fascinating.

Parasols, such a fancy-sounding name, have been in use to protect from the sun for a pretty long time.

I actually spent some time researching the history of the umbrella...

They are even depicted in some cave drawings and it was probably the women holding the parasol made of leaves and branches over the men's heads. I could go on about that, but I'll save it for another time.

Suffice it to say using a parasol to protect one from the sun has been in use for thousands of years. The Chinese are the ones who had the bright idea of waterproofing the material by using various lacquers. They also came up with the collapsible telescopic handle.

Who came up with the word umbrella is not as

well documented especially considering that it is called different things in different parts of the world. Rainshade, paraply, gamp, brolly, unbrolly and bumbershoot are just a few of those names.

The British prefer brolly or unbrolly whereas in 19th century America it was bumbershoot. Using them in this country was not all that popular until the 20th century. I think it had more to do with the name than the device. I personally would feel a little foolish going to the store to buy a bumbershoot.

No matter what you call it the umbrella is a pretty darn handy invention as long as you're not caught in heavy wind as well as rain. I have had more than one umbrella turn inside out. If one can afford it there is a storm umbrella that looks a bit like a miniature stealth plane on a handle. It is said to be able to withstand winds up to 70 MPH.

I can't see myself outside in 70 MPH winds with or without an umbrella. I think one would have more to worry about in those conditions than an umbrella turning inside out.

Now I have a new bright red portable umbrella and now the rain has stopped with only a chance of showers predicted. I imagine it won't be long before my new bright red umbrella joins my other three in the land of lost things, and the way I see it that's when the heavy rains will come again.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 29

At 11:28 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to Mechanic Street in Bethel for the reported possible theft of a dog that had been under a deck.

At 5:10 p.m. Deputy Dani Welch responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a motor vehicle accident. The vehicle hydroplaned due to heavy rain, struck a tree and was totaled. The driver was summonsed for not having a child in a safety seat.

Wednesday, May 30

(Time not listed) a caller on the Bird Hill/Gore roads in Woodstock reported noise issues from ATVs with modified exhausts. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Chris Davis were assigned.

At 11:08 p.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to Route 2/Route 5 in Bethel for a report of a large horse in the middle of the road. The owner was located and was able to get the horse back in the pasture.

Thursday, May 31

At 2:15 a.m. a caller reported on a possible illegal activity in Bethel. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 2:42 p.m. a caller reported a juvenile in possession of marijuana on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

Friday, June 1

At 12:51 p.m. Capt. Hart Daley did a background check for the Bethel Town Office.

At 7:13 p.m. a caller asked to speak to a deputy regarding a person he had given a ride to for compensation. The rider did not pay. Cpl. Brian Landis and Sgt. Tim Holland were assigned.

Saturday, June 2

At 1:48 a.m. a caller on Church Street in Bethel said his friends had dropped him off and he did not know where he was. The caller sounded intoxicated. Deputy Dani Welch checked the area with no contact.

Sunday, June 3

At 2:19 a.m. a call was received about loud subjects on the gazebo on the common in Bethel. Deputy Josh Wyman located several subjects from a wedding party, who were warned for disorderly conduct and escorted back to their lodging places.

At 3:48 p.m. on the Intervale Road in Bethel a vehicle failed to negotiate a turn and went of the road, striking a tree, rolling over and hitting another tree. There were minor injuries. Deputies Mike Halacy and Chris Davis were assigned.

Monday, June 4

At 9:18 a.m. a caller reported a school bus had backed into his vehicle on Crescent Lane in Bethel. There was minor damage and no crash report was completed.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

June 4, 4:33 a.m.: Steven A. Klisiewicz, 61, of Andover, DV assault; by Sgt. Tim Holland in Andover.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Sign Debate Last Wednesday's Sign Ordinance Hearing

A public hearing was held by the Town of Bethel to receive comments and discussion related to a petition submitted by Rick and Ron Savage calling for repeal of Bethel's sign ordinance. Thirty-three members of the public plus four Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Clerk and Planning Assistant attended.

Constituencies within the attendees were plaintiffs, defendants, supporters of "history and quaintness," "My spouse told me to come," and those who think more government rules are better than fewer rules.

The plaintiffs were led by Ron Savage but included a number of business owners who felt that the current sign ordinance was a wreck to be called "to-taled." Defendants included the board of selectmen, planning board members and a few of the ordinance review participants.

Mr. Savage talked about the inequities and inconsistencies which exist on Route 2 signs in the vicinity of the Sunday River Road junction. He questioned the unequal treatment given Bethel businesses when Maine has a large sign saying Recreational Area Newry Sunday River Next Left and he is unable to get a reply from the town on his request for two smaller directional signs. His application for a directional sign of "commercial speech" should be treated with equal consideration to the one already in place which is in Bethel. Did Bethel approve the state's application for the existing sign? He also cited the lack of town response to his company's letter to the ordinance review committee requesting authorization for directional signs on Route 2.

Mr. Savage was supported by comments from other business owners who saw limitations on their profitability stemming from Bethel's sign restrictions. Frank DeDuca, owner of the Cross Roads

Diner, spoke the most eloquently about the nature of business sign values - they not only identify business location but are forms of "commercial speech." The bottom line of a business, he said, may depend on how effectively the sign owner can "speak" to a stream of potential customers passing his or her sign.

After 21 years of the Bethel sign ordinance, it is still very doubtful to some that a sign ordinance is helpful at all. From 2002 to 2010 the planning board has processed 199 sign requests. Sign requests from 1998 to 2001 were described as numerous.

Defendants at the hearing warned of the potential calamity to the town of abolishing the town's "home rule" sign ordinance. How did we ever manage to survive from 1890 to 1990 without sign rules?

When the defendants claimed fixing the problem was far better than tossing out the rules completely, it reminded me of the movie "Beverly Hills Cop" with Eddie Murphy; he would smile wickedly saying "Trust me!" Mr. Savage's counter claim was who can trust the Town "fixing" has just added more restrictions.

There are a number of ways to add flexibility to Bethel's current sign ordinance but relying on an "Ordinance Review Committee" is like repainting your car when you really need a new engine and transmission.

Adding Flexibility

The purpose of the current sign ordinance states: "The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the effective use of signs in the Town of Bethel and to provide for a healthy business climate while protecting the aesthetic environment of the Town."

Read the "Purpose" carefully. Is the mounting number of sign restrictions consistent with "to provide for a healthy business climate"?

Is the junction of Route 2 and the Sunday River Road in need of protection as an aesthetic element of Bethel's environment?

Is the purpose statement well written?

Does each sub paragraph

in the detailed regulations agree with, i.e., carry out fulfillment of the purpose. Does the Purpose need amending to acknowledge that "all Gaul (Bethel) is divided into three parts (village, residential and commercial)"?

We generally believe that business value hence town value can be hurt or helped due to sign regulation. In my opinion, the waiver clause needs to allow an applicant to move a sign application from a regulator (planning board) to the Town Manager and Selectmen for consideration.

Right now it seems like the Town Manager and Selectmen are ducking sign issues. A business owner should be able to receive waivers for the overall good of the town and economic development. Currently, the waiver option is left in the hands of appointed administrators and if you don't like it your only choice is another level of appointees the appeals board. This procedure is too inflexible and ducks the issue of determining value.

Community Sports Grand Opening

Heather Carver, owner of Community Sports a new retail business at Philbrook Place, held a grand opening on Saturday. Ms. Carver classifies her business as a sports emporium for new and used clothing and equipment.

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To put some fizz into opening day, Heather's helpers were winding up a bicycle blender to create specialty drinks as you walked through the emporium's entrance.

Open daily from 10 to 5 Community Sports is located on the second floor at Philbrook Place. There are sections of clothing, footwear, skis, bikes, skateboards, biking, golf, footballs, clothing, helmets and accessories.

Contact Heather Carver (207) 381-5977 and at communitysportsbethel@gmail.com.

Elements Art Gallery

At the Elements Art Gallery, also at Philbrook Place, Sara Hemeon can be counted on to have unusually fine art on exhibit in her gallery. She has a number of Walter Clark's paintings and her online gallery shows a number of Walter's paintings that have been sold.

As a big surprise when I stopped to see what was new, there was a special exhibit of work by Gail Rein. Ms. Rein does portraits in oils that are so well done that it leaves a visitor in open-mouthed astonishment at the likenesses she achieves in her paintings.

Gail Rein does portrait commissions and in her display at Elements Art Gallery are photographs of oil portraits of Wallace Saunders and Albert Otten, Les Otten's father. The portrait of Mr. Saunders is him!

Ms. Hemeon conducts classes for kids (primarily during the school year) and also holds art nights for girls.

Of those who visit her gallery and purchase an item on exhibit, Ms. Hemeon says they are most likely to be second home owners from the Bethel/Sunday River area.

The gallery has logo mugs and custom pottery for sale also popular with browsers.

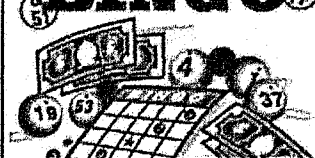
Sara Hemeon is a graduate of the Maine College of Art with a Bachelor's degree in ceramics.

The History Club

1990—Bethel Town Manager Rodney Lynch from the FY 1989 Annual Town Report

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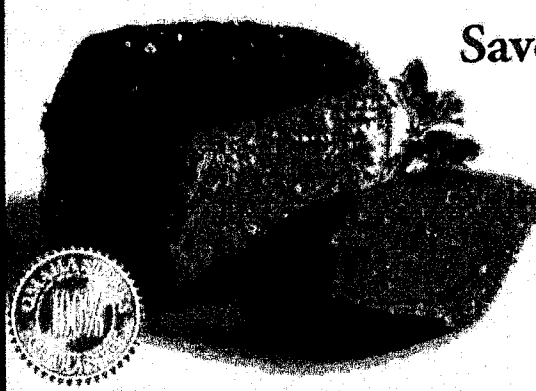
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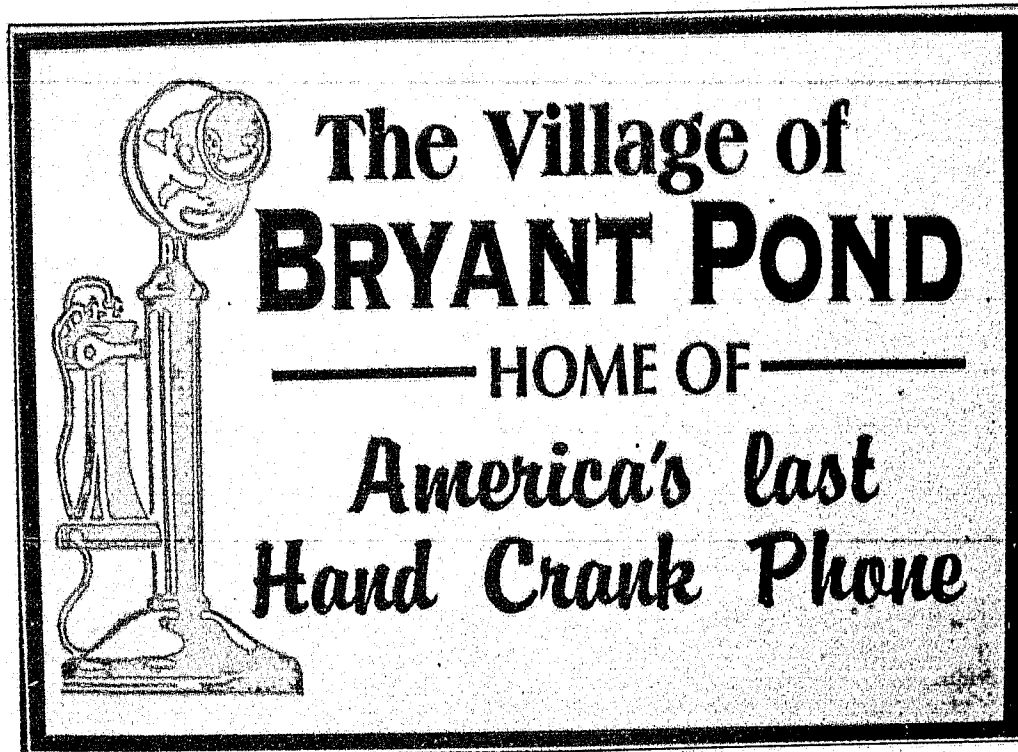


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concern a column entitled "From the Bethel Town Office" and written by the Town Manager was started in The Bethel Citizen. The columns focused upon such issues as the upgrading of the sewerage plant, trash disposal, and construction of the airport runway as well as recognizing particular individuals for their special contributions to the community. The column helped improve the level of communication between the people and their elected and appointed leaders.

Series of meetings held by citizens opposing Zoning Code; April 25, 1968

The Bethel Citizen

Local citizens met at 7:30 p.m. April 15 and 22, at the Western Maine Supply store to organize in an effort to abolish zoning. It was the general feeling that zoning in the present form is based on the personal feelings of the Planning Board alone and does not represent the good of the town. Up until a petition was presented to abolish zoning completely, the Planning Board had not met for several months in spite of the fact issues had been put before them. It is evident that since suitable changes have not been made, and many feel that the only alternative is to get rid of all of it as it

does not appear possible to abolish just parts of it.

Zoning was instituted by a majority vote of those voting at town meeting. However, in order to abolish zoning a 2/3 vote is mandatory in order to carry. If 300 votes are cast 200 of these have to abolish zoning or it will stand as is. It has been petitioned to vote this article by Australian ballot and all persons interested should exercise their right to vote.

These meetings are open for people to discuss their views and offer suggestions. Come and express yourself. You are important and it does concern you and now! Tomorrow is too late.

July 1898—from the Oxford County Advertiser

Applications to "board a few weeks" are often coming to Bethel area residents. The Advertiser's correspondent notes that it bespeaks the popularity that Bethel is held as a summer resort. Its pleasant drives with mountain and water scenery are unsurpassed.

Its health record is among the best there being seldom a year when more than two cases of typhoid fever are reported. Chapman Brook water from its natural mountain sources is pure as any New England rill.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Be on the lookout for wild animals on local roadways. It's spring and wild animals, including babies, are on the move. In the past few weeks, I have seen dozens of wild animals, including turtles, turkeys, ducks, Canada geese, raccoons, and groundhogs crossing Route 26. They are in search of food, shelter, and mates. Some animals, like the turtles, are looking for places to lay their eggs.

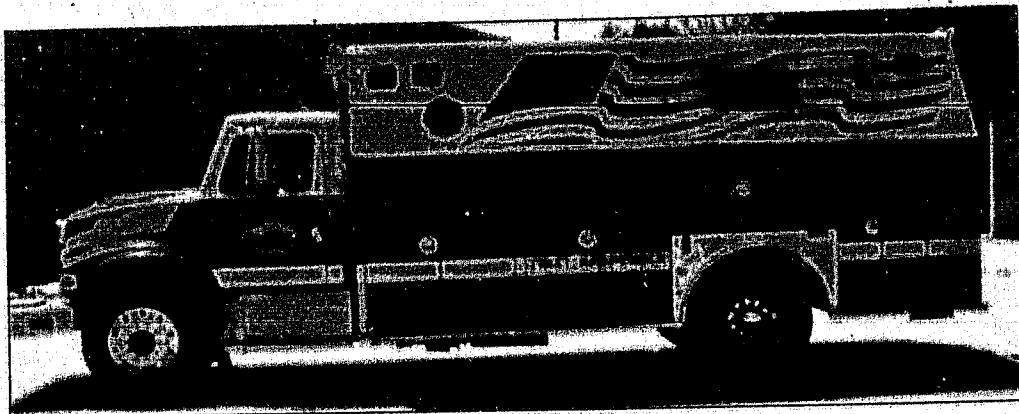
Each year more animals become endangered because their habitats become smaller. As they cross our roadways, not only do animals risk their lives, but people also get hurt and die in collisions. The Maine Audubon Society tracks movements of Maine wildlife. The information that the society gathers helps biologists and transportation planners understand wildlife patterns. Ultimately, this information will help make traveling on Maine's roads safer for both wildlife and people. If you'd like to volunteer to help track Maine's wildlife, sign up by going to www.maineaudubon.org or

www.wildlifecrossing.net. Tracking wildlife can be as simple as observing and recording animals that you see on your daily commute to work or school or on weekend trips.

Supporters of the Bethel Dog Park will meet tonight, June 7, at 6 p.m. at the Mahoosuc Land Trust building on Route 2 (next door to the Crossroads Diner). Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Steve Wight at 890-8356.

If you're looking for something exciting this weekend, consider the Annual Androscoggin Canoe/Kayak Race on Sunday, June 10. Registration for the event is from 8 to 10 a.m. at Bethel Outdoor Adventure on Route 2 near the North Road. There are races for all ages and all levels of experience. If you don't want to race, come and watch and learn more about the sport. The event is sponsored by the Maine Canoe and Kayak Organization and Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Campground. More information about the race is available at www.bethelmaine.com or you can call 824-2483 or (800) 533-3607.

SeniorsPlus representatives will be at the Greenwood Town Office in Locke's Mills on June 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.



NEW SIGNS, TRUCK FOR WOODSTOCK—Left: The Woodstock Republican Town Committee presented two new signs, painted by Don Katlin, to the town at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting. Committee members said they hope the signs will answer the question, "Where is Bryant Pond?" as well as possibly help slow traffic coming into the village. Selectmen plan to place one sign near the top of Merrifield Hill and the other near the roadside spring. And in response to a citizen suggestion, Town Manager Vern Maxfield will ask the state about possibly moving a 30 mph speed limit sign that currently stands on the village side of the ball fields on Route 26 farther north, to encourage drivers to slow down sooner before entering the village. Above: Woodstock Fire Chief Jeff Inman Tuesday brought the department's new squad truck, purchased used in New York, for selectmen to inspect. The truck will provide support at fire and rescue scenes.

They will be there to answer any questions or concerns people have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. For further information or to make an appointment call Seniors Plus at (800) 427-1241.

If you have news you'd like to share, call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Last Thursday I felt pretty foolish concerning what I had written about the weather forecast. We sure did get rained out over the weekend and as of this writing it still looks like more rain. The massive downpours did cause major damage to Tammy and Bill Hinckley's driveway. Over a stretch of about 40 feet of driveway the water was a good two feet deep in some places. On the brighter side despite all this they celebrated their daughter Samantha's 20th birthday. Happy belated Birthday from the whole neighborhood.

A correction to last week's Alder River Grange; there will not be a

meeting on June 8. The correct date is June 17 open meeting with the Grange hosting the East Bethel School Reunion, which will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. So do mark your calendars for this special event. The Grange also extends an East Bethel thank you to the American Legion Post 68 for honoring our Veterans on Memorial Day.

The East Bethel Church Association held its early meeting on May 28 at the church with five members present. There will be a service at 2 p.m. on June 24 at the East Bethel Church.

Arlene Harrington was on the road again and spent Friday till Sunday with her daughter Dori in Durham to help her celebrate her 50th birthday. Happy belated birthday, Dori.

Bettyann and Sonny Hastings had quite the busy Memorial weekend, as they had two graduations to attend. First they attended Jeff and Cathys' son Justin's graduation from UNE at the Portland Civic Center. He graduated Cum Laude in History. Congratulations, Justin and all best wishes for a bright future! They went out to lunch together to celebrate and then they rushed to North Reading, Mass., where Zachary

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Hastings graduated with High Honors in Criminal Justice from Westfield State University. Congratulations, Zachary! He will enter Suffolk Law School in Boston in the fall. They celebrated first at his home and then the next day went to The Top of the Hub for brunch.

Congratulations also to Alex Hebert. He made the dean's list at UNE this semester. You worked hard and your parents, Angie and Chuck, and the rest of us are very proud of you.

Here is the new Trivia question and think this one will be a challenge to one of my big Trivia fans. In January 1948 the second floor and roof of a home was badly damaged. Whose house was it?

As usual I'd like to remind everyone to give me a call at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net or you can also befriend me on Facebook to get in touch with me. Come see me at the INNside Shop across the street from the Post Office, and check out some of our unique merchandise. The hours are Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Have a great week everyone.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The rain just keeps falling. The grass is growing and there is no hope of doing any mowing for days. The rivers are rising. We noticed when we went to Gorham, N.H., last Sunday that Wild River and the Androscoggin River were flowing fast and quite muddy looking. The dam in Shelburne, N.H., had the flood gates down and the water was roaring through.

My brother, Steve McLain, is waiting and hoping that the rain will stop long enough this week so he can get some planting done in his garden.

We had a chance, before the big rain hit, to plant our garden. We have our two raised beds for vegetables and one of flowers.

Our grandson, Ben Chapman, has just finished a year of college in Georgia. He flew to St. Cloud, Minn., last Thursday to spend some time with his father, Chris, and Chris' fiancée, Kym. While

there he attended the high school graduation of Kym's daughter, Mariyah. He will be in Maine for a couple of weeks and then he has to report to the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut.

Major Stephen McLain, son of Steve and Lise McLain, sent an e-mail last Sunday. He and 10 other men from his church hiked up Kjerag Mountain, which is part of Lysefjord in Norway. He said that fjords in Norway truly need to be appreciated in person. It is difficult to understand these breathtaking sites through a picture. On Kjerag is the Kjeragbolten which is a rock that is wedged between the outcropping and the side of the mountain. From the rock is a 3,000 foot drop into the fjord.

Gilead Historical Society Howard and "Stevie" Reiche called this past weekend to check in on progress of the Depot and Schoolhouse. Bob and Judy Bishop checked in while they were home for a little while. They were headed to Evergreen Valley Resort but their trip was delayed until Monday because of the flooding that washed out some culverts.

Friends and Family Day will be held on Saturday, June 23. The Depot and Schoolhouse will be open and a few new items that have been donated will be on display. The GHS is always happy to accept donations that pertain to these buildings and Gilead. Lise McLain has been busy making necklaces for the GHS to raffle off again this year, and her sister, Diane Bean, from Baker City, Ore., donated a couple of knitted items, also.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

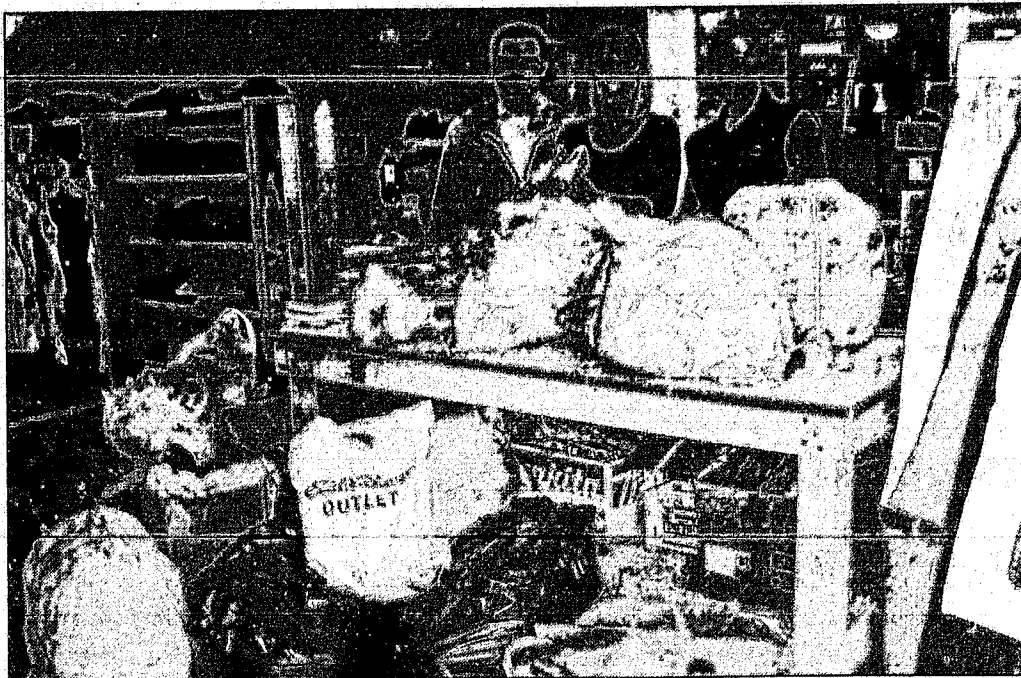
Andover

By JANE RICH



Don't forget that this Saturday, June 9, is your opportunity to dispose of any household hazardous waste you may have accumulated. The collection will take place at the transfer station between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Two years ago a very beautiful quilt show was on display in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church during



DISTRICT EXCHANGE HAS NEW DROP-OFF LOCATION-Northeast Bank is now a drop-off spot for "gently used" clothing for the District Exchange. On Monday, bank staff took two car loads of clothes to the Exchange, which is located at Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street in Bethel. Shown here are, from left: Lloyd Sweetser, Lorena Tyler and Heather Roderick. Exchange hours are Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, and Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Proceeds from the sale of the clothing help support the Bethel Food Pantry. (Submitted photo)

gational Church during Olde Home Day. Again this year the general public will have an opportunity to see the handiwork of local cloth artisans. Area quilters are invited to enter the show which will include door prizes, and a Best of Show Award. The committee will also prepare a printed program with a brief description of each quilt. Exhibitors are urged to call Shirley York at 369-0575 regarding their entries as soon as possible to facilitate this. She may also be contacted at blue-moose@roadrunner.com.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Clinton Littlehale, an Andover native, who passed away on May 28 in Jacksonville, Fla., and the family of Olive Elliot, a local resident who died on the same day. Area children, age 4 and up are invited to the First Congregational Church Vacation Bible School to be held June 18, 19, 20. The theme is "God in Nature." The hours will be from 9 a.m. until Noon. The program will consist of 20 minutes with Pastor Jane for Biblically based instruction, followed by arts and crafts and snacks. Each day will include a field trip to some of God's wonderful natural resources in our community, such as the meeting of the waters, the Indian burial ground and Emerson's bog. One session will include God's gift of herbs with Darlene Akers.

Most of us were marooned for the weekend

here or at least didn't leave town because we weren't sure we could get back because of flooding. The Upton Union Church did not meet Sunday evening, due to those circumstances.

I don't usually put my own personal news in here, but I was a delegate to the State Democratic Convention in Augusta where I heard excellent speakers and met up with several old friends and caucused with fellow Oxford County residents.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



It was a quiet week in Locke's Mills. About all that went on was two building permits

were issued: one for a garage on the Greenwood Road; the other for an addition to a house in the Irish Neighborhood.

Absentee ballots are available from the town office for the upcoming primary and school budget votes on June 12.

SeniorsPlus will be at the Greenwood Town Office on June 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. They will answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. This is free and open to the public.

Norm Milliard has moved his framing shop and gal-

lery, Artistic Endeavors, to 171 Main Street in Bethel. I stopped in recently to check it out. What a comfortable new space Norm has created. All the picture frame styles and mats are on display as well as the new "photo wrap" style of displaying photographs. It is not easy to describe the photo wrap, so you'll need to stop in and check it out. The shop is open Wednesday through Saturday from 12-4 p.m. and by appointment. Norm is also planning to display and sell local artists' work.

I was talking to John Farr and he told me his father, Junior Farr, will be 89 this week. Happy birthday to Junior who is a resident at the Maine Veterans Home.

Ran into Beryl Bonney at the West Paris Rhubarb Festival recently. She was up to camp for a few days. Milt and Elinor Inman were also at the festival as volunteers, and they have returned for the summer.

John Swinton has arrived at camp and is out fishing every morning. His wife, Cordelia, is wait-

ing until after the bugs have died down to come up from Pennsylvania. Smart woman! So far the biting bugs have been fairly light this year.

John Gagnon, Larry, Kate, Lucy and Arundel were here for the long weekend. I stopped by to catch up on events and, once again, had an excellent Saturday night baked bean supper.

The newest additions to the ponds are baby wood ducks and hooded mergansers. Two adult female wood ducks, have joined forces and herd their ducklings around together. Shared parenting. There is total of nine wood ducklings, and they are considerably smaller than black or mallard ducklings. Wood ducks are a shy duck and they keep their young well hidden.

The hooded mergansers are a diving duck. The males have a large white patch on the side of its head, and the females have spiky feathers on their heads. The little ducklings have tiny feather spikes and look rather like punk ducklings. Quite amusing.

Round Pond is warm enough to swim in without having to resort to a wet suit. Quite a few kids (of all ages) were at the rope swing over Memorial Day weekend. As June progresses, shallow Round Pond warms up and it can become too warm for swimming. Some folks are venturing into the colder waters of South Pond at the public beach. Children are the ones who get in all the way. The adults tend to stay on the beach or make it in about up to their knees.

This time of year gives us evenings, that delightful time of the day when we get to enjoy the outdoors for a bit longer. It is both warm and light enough after supper that we can go outside for a few hours and do something. Some folks go for evening walks, others watch children play softball, some simply sit on the porch and enjoy that time of day when the

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light is golden. It is a time to relax and enjoy being alive. The rest of the year the time after supper is either too dark or too cold to do much of anything outside. For the next few months we get to hang out and simply enjoy evening time. May we all make time to do just that.

The lupines are blossoming, the swallowtail butterflies are out, and our graduating seniors are out. Congratulations to all graduates be they from high school, college, or another program.

Albany



Another soggy day in Albany and I should say the whole of western Maine. Sorry I didn't have any news last week. I got a new computer, but unfortunately I couldn't hook it up to the Internet until Tuesday due to the holiday.

Last Sunday's visitors at the home of Norma Salway were Barry and CC Salway from Laconia, N.H. Norma attended visiting hours for Don Rice on Friday evening. On Saturday Norma, Evelyn Kimball and Ethel Turner attended the Craig Davis services.

On Sunday the Songo Pond Cemetery Association met at the Albany Town House.

Franklin and Margaret Barton visited the cemeteries in West Baldwin and Brownfield one day last week. They also called on Roger and Yvette Barton.

Graduation from Telstar will be on June 8. I want to wish all the graduates from Albany and all the other communities a very happy and successful life as they enter the wonderful world of adulthood, enter college, or join the work force.

David Bennett visited me last weekend and helped me set up my computer.

Back to work tomorrow and I am very excited to see all the students and teachers. It has been a

long two months, but I feel much better.

Have a good week everyone and maybe we will all have webbed feet and feathers before this weather pattern breaks!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association will serve breakfast on Father's Day, June 17.

They have some vendor sites available for Upton Fun Day, Aug. 18. The sites are \$10 for non members or \$5 for members. Contact Carol, 533-2028, smilinggabby@yahoo.com or Charlotte, 533-2061, pep1dom@megalink.net for more information.

The Upton Historical Society is offering a tour of the historic homes of Louise Dickinson Rich. The tour will take place July 14. Tickets may be purchased from Charlotte. Contact her by calling, 533-2061, e-mailing pep1dom@megalink.net, or by stopping in at the Upton House.

Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, June 10, 9 a.m. in the Upton House. The town office will be open for polls June 12, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Upton annual town meeting will be Thursday, June 28 starting at 7 p.m. in the school building.

Ellie called to tell me about some of the birds that Virginia has been seeing. A bluebird, mother goose with five goslings and a turkey with a clutch of about twenty five. Thanks for the call Ellie, and welcome home ladies.

Call me with your news at 533-2010 or e-mail me at backstjoe@gmail.com.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Last weekend was a little soggy. That's not unusual. Often this time of year it

rains a lot with the grass ever growing. Some day it will dry enough to mow lawns again. This time,

however, it was a deluge of rainwater over several days. It was a washed-out weekend for sure. At 9 a.m. on Sunday the Oxford County Emergency Awareness Agency issued a statement that many Oxford County streams were above or nearing flood stage. The water was expected to recede when rains became lighter later that day. Rains raised the level of Howard Pond to overflowing. A site on South Shore Road designed to release surplus water from the Pond helped take the pressure away from the dam.

On Saturday, members of Gardner Roberts Memorial Library and the town of Hanover planted flowers on the Town Office lawn in memory of Joan Tucker. While living in the Town Office building Joan tended and nurtured the flowers, so it was determined that plants would be an appropriate memorial. Gardner Roberts Memorial Library and the town of Hanover funded the project. Joan passed away a year ago.

Irv Robinson reports two different bear attacks at Rocky Retreat. Irv's beehives were the object of the first attack and then bird feeders on the deck looked real attractive to the bear.

The Moirs at 7 South Shore Road have laying hens. They have fresh eggs to sell for \$25 each. They now have a surplus and they can deliver your eggs directly to your home.

Rumford Grange 115 had a regular meeting on June 2. The group proceeded to have election of officers. We will report more completely in a later column. Prior to the meeting the Grange put on a reception for those who attended the burial service for Marion Morton at the East Ellis Cemetery.

On Saturday Dave Worcester attended an Amateur Radio Operators' gathering in Hermon, Maine, sponsored by the Pine State Amateur Radio Club of the Bangor area. Featured at the event was the launching of a high-altitude balloon carrying a

radio repeater and tracking device. The very interesting project was planned cooperatively with the University of Maine.

Next Tuesday, June 12, the elections will open in Hanover at 10 a.m. for the June 2012 Primary Elections. The polls will close at 8 p.m. The Republicans and Democrats will be selecting candidates for the fall election. The Green Party will participate in the same process. Members of each party and all unenrolled voters will be able to vote to confirm or defeat the Western Foothills Regional School Unit 10 budget as well as select a member to serve with the Board of Directors for RSU 10. Daniel A. Force was the only person to turn in nomination papers for the RSU 10 member position and he will be eligible for election along with write-in candidates.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



The routine procedure for aircrews returning to base after a combat mission was initially to debrief the crew chief on how the aircraft performed and to record in the aircraft forms any equipment problems or malfunctions that had occurred during the flight. It was then the crew-chief's job to call technicians to repair any equipment malfunctions, refuel the aircraft for its next mission, take engine oil samples, check for tire wear, replace any external fuel tanks that had been jettisoned inflight, install the drag chute and generally make sure the aircraft would be ready for its next flight. The F-105 landed at such a high rate of speed (around 175 knots), that the pilot would deploy the drag chute (a large sturdy parachute installed in a compartment in the aircraft's tail) to slow the aircraft down enough that we could make the turn at the end of the runway, where the drag chute was jettisoned.

A squadron bread truck

type van would meet the aircrew at the aircraft. As soon as the crew chief was debriefed, the van would drop the aircrews and their flight gear (helmets, oxygen masks, survival vests and parachutes) off at the squadron personal equipment section. Aircrews then went into the wing operations section for the intelligence debriefing. Here the aircrew was questioned about all aspects of the mission: how the refueling went, problems coordinating with the various air traffic control agencies, enemy defenses encountered, how much damage was done to the targets, and details about any aircraft damaged or shot down, and how effective other unit's support was.

After our first mission or two, Sam and I got pretty used to the routine, but then we noticed another fellow always came in and asked a lot of questions about any SAMs or AAA that we encountered. I asked this fellow, a major with navigator wings, what his job was. He said, "Well, my name is Frank Herty, and I am your friendly ASCAT officer." I asked, "What the hell is an ASCAT?" He replied, "I'm part of the anti-SAM combat assistance team. Tactical Air Command (TAC) has a unit at Eglin AFB, Florida whose mission is to learn as much as possible about how the SA-2 surface to air missile system works and to figure out how best to combat it. We have an ASCAT officer at each wing with a wild weasel unit, and we want to know what you are experiencing, anything you need that we might help with and what tactics work or do not work. We then communicate back to Eglin, where they can get assistance from TAC HQ." One day we briefed Frank Herty about the heavy concentration of flack our dive bombers encountered from the Kep airfield area on the northeast railroad. This was especially frustrating for our guys because in May 1967 we were still restricted from bombing any aircraft on the ground at Kep, even if they

were some of the MIG-17s stationed there. Once MIGs were airborne, they were fair game, but not if they were aground! One of our squadron flack suppression flights even got criticized for destroying a couple of Mig-17s on the airfield with cluster bomb units (CBU), which "accidentally" hit the MIGs instead of some 85mm AAA guns located nearby!

Frank was interested in the heavy flack and asked me if there were AAA fire control radars on my radar receiver associated with the AAA. I said, "Sure. There are always a few of them at Kep." Frank then said, "It's too bad we don't have some way of dropping some chaff" (strips of aluminum foil cut to the AAA gun radar frequencies). Then Sam said, "I think there are some leaflet bomb casings in storage at Bangkok that were left over from WWII. Maybe you could fill some of them with chaff." Frank said, "Great idea, but how would you drop them over the AAA guns without getting shot down yourselves?" Sam said, "The Thuds have a toss bomb computer that was designed to allow us to toss nuclear bombs on a target and reverse direction with a half loop, avoiding passing over the target ourselves."

Frank said, "Great. I'll see if I can get chaff and some of those bomb casings shipped up here. Then, next time you guys are going to Kep again, we can load you up with 'em. Are you willing to try that?" We both said, "Sure. We'll try most anything once."

When we got back to the squadron, Sam got his technical order (TO) books out, figured the ballistics of the leaflet bombs and reviewed procedures for setting up the toss bomb computer in the aircraft so we'd be ready if and when the permission came down to try it on a real bombing mission.

A few days later Frank phoned Sam and told him everything was ready, so we could try the chaff tossing scheme next time we headed to Kep Airfield.

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Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



As I write, it is NOT raining. That seems incredible in that it seems to have rained for a month. We have survived it fairly unscathed and hope all else have too. We haven't planted too much yet, so it wasn't drowned out. Part of the garden went underwater by Saturday and would still be today if it was more than weeds. Tasha wasn't sure if she should stay in and be dry or go out and explore. She mostly chose the latter. She is stinky but OK.

Due to an inescapable virus, I have missed the past week. Not usually in bed for so long, but I couldn't get the fever to subside and didn't want to inflict it on others. Hoping to be back in business soon.

Thursday, the 7th of June, ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families) will meet at 10 a.m. at Waterford Library. It is a discussion group. We will be discussing Step 12 this week. FMI please call 739-9115.

Sunday, June 10, Mountain Poets will meet at Fair Share Commons from 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome. FMI please call 743-9808 or 739-9115.

Also Sunday, the 10th from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Alan Day Community Garden Deb Soule will be speaking about herbs. It is free and open to the public.

That is all for this week. Hope you get to bathe in the sun for at least a little while this week.

ton, D.C., who came for breakfast Saturday, Ray Crockett, David Crockett, and Grayson Wakefield came and did some repairs for us on Saturday and Sunday. Jolene and Shawn Crockett came also. On Monday for a cookout were Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, JoAnn, David, Shawn, and Ray Crockett and Kayla Bickford, Jim and Charlene Hoyt and Crystal Cash, Bob Hoyt, and Leatrice Chase.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Kowloon Village Chinese Restaurant on Thursday (today), June 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Remember the Woodstock High School Alumni Banquet is the third Saturday of June, June 16, at the American Legion Hall on the Gore Road, Locke Mills, at 5:30 p.m. Special guests are classes of 1942, 1952, 1962 and Telstar seniors from Woodstock and Greenwood. Hope to see you there.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet the third Saturday in June, June 16, at the Museum starting with a 6 p.m. supper.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, June 14, at the Grange Hall. On Thursday, May 31, three members of the Daughters of Union Veterans presented Lincoln coin dollars and certificates of appreciation to fifth-grade students who wrote essays for Memorial Day at Woodstock Elementary School. Rachel MacKillop won the contest and read her essay at the program. But they were all very good this year.

Please send me your news or call 665-2460.



GOOD RIDING-Gloria Wilkins and Rob Pelchat of Ellis River Riders enjoyed the first organized trail ride of the season May 26. The ride began at the ERR showgrounds on Airport Road in Andover and continued for nine miles along the pink loop. The trail took riders over Ellis River, across farm land and through the woods. The riders enjoyed a snack stop at the Andover recreation field of delicious chocolate cookies from the Little Red Hen Diner. The next organized ride is scheduled for June 9.

Broad Street), next door to the Bethel Library. Part of series of films presenting unique perspectives of subjects of significance to the history of our region, these presentations are introduced by Society Trustee Dick Hale, retired University of Maine forestry professor. The topic of the June 13 event will be "Railroads," with the planned showing of old footage of the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railroad.

On Tuesday, July 3, the society will open a new exhibit at the Robinson House, entitled "Full of Memory and Sentiment: Autograph Quilts from the BHS Collection." Autograph or "friendship" quilts came into fashion in the 1840s in an era devoted to the cultivation of sentiment. As documents of remembrance, these "scraps of calico" emerged from an earlier nineteenth century practice in New England of keeping bound albums where women collected favorite quotations, expressions of love and concern, and, most importantly, the signatures of close friends and relatives.

Typically, patchwork blocks of similar size and design were signed by friends and relatives of the quilt's recipient. At other times, as demonstrated by several quilts in this short-term exhibition, these "precious reliquaries" were assembled as neighborhood or church fundraisers, with contributors' names recorded by someone with handwriting skill and a steady

hand. One of the quilts that will be on view was made about 1880 by the Mason (Maine) Methodist Society under the direction of Roxanna W. Bean (ca. 1821-1886).

July 3 will also mark the beginning of summer season guided tours of the society's 1813 Dr. Moses Mason House. Here, members and the general public discover life as it was lived in the highlands of western Maine during the first half of the nineteenth century as they join trained guides in a tour of nine rooms filled with fine examples of the decorative arts, many of which were in the house during the years of the Masons' occupancy (1813-1869).

During these tours, guests view portraits of Dr. and Mrs. Mason painted during the 1830s by Chester Harding of Boston, and survey their grand entrance hall with its exceptional circa 1835 Rufus Porter School wall murals. This season, regular tours will be available from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and members of the society are always admitted free.

On July 4, BHS will again sponsor the "Fourth of July Community Picnic." This annual event begins at 11:30 a.m. on the side lawn of the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street). After the presentation of colors and the National Anthem, guests will enjoy a two-hour concert by the Portland Brass Quintet. Dr. Mason began this Fourth of July tradition in the 1850s and

the Bethel Historical Society carries it on today. In case of rain, the picnic and concert will be held in the Middle Intervale Meetinghouse (1816) on Intervale Road, approximately four miles downriver from Bethel Hill village.

On Saturday, July 7, the society will host a lecture and book signing by James Witherell, author of "L.L. Bean / The Man and His Company: The Complete Story." Because his feet got wet and sore on a hunting trip, L. L. Bean developed his famous boot and started the mail-order company that would change the sleepy town of Freeport, Maine, into a huge outdoor mall. The story begins with the Bean family (who lived for a time in Bethel), young Leon Leonwood Bean's love of the outdoors, his first forays into sales (but, men's clothing), and then his development of "the boot" and the beginnings of an outdoors outfitting company that ran on a card file system and resisted change. The history of L.L. Bean, Inc.'s phenomenal growth under grandson Leon Gorman is replete with Preppies, MBAs, infighting, and even parodies of a company that would eventually get its own Zip Code. This program celebrates the 100th anniversary of the L. L. Bean company; the author will be available afterward to sign copies of his 576-page book. The event will take place in the Mason House exhibit hall, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Alder River Grange to host East Bethel School reunion

Renewing a tradition begun in 2000 and repeated again in 2008, Alder River Grange 145 will once more sponsor a reunion for all those who received at least some of their education at the East Bethel School just down Intervale Road from the Grange hall.

The original school on this site was built in 1885 and replaced in 1928. Many East Bethel children attended school here until 1968 when the building was closed and later sold to a former student, George Haines, who lived here for several years before building a house on Kimball Hill, where he resides today.

Among the teachers who taught here were Helen Newmarker, Gwendolin Holt, Florence Hastings, Floribel Nevins Haines, Mina Stevens, Bernice Noyes and Lillian Bartlett. Two other former teachers, Alta Brooks Sturgis and Edna York Bean, are still living and at least one of them may be present for this reunion.

Festivities will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 17, and continue through the afternoon with refreshments.

There will be a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the school and all those attending are urged to bring any photos they may have relating to their school days here as well as their memories.

Also Dave Bean of the Bethel Food Pantry will be present to discuss community efforts to provide food for families in need. The Pantry has been selected as Alder River Grange's Community Service Project for 2012.

All former students are cordially invited to attend and participate in the activities.

The event is open to anyone interested in learning more about East Bethel and its history.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



It was a nice day of Memorial Day. The program and parade were well attended. That's always nice to see.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting.

Company at the Ken Hoyt's last weekend were Maggie Hoyt and friend Whitney from Washing-

Upcoming BHS events

During the months of June and July, the Bethel Historical Society will offer a full range of programs, including lectures, exhibit openings, walking tours, book signings and music concerts. As usual, all events are open to the public free of charge, though donations are always welcome to help offset expenses.

On June 13 and 27, at 2 p.m., the society's "Mud Season Movies" continue at the Robinson House (10

GOLF 2012

Tips for newcomers to the game of golf

Few hobbies can be as enjoyable one moment and as frustrating the next as golf. Golfers know a great putt can be quickly followed by a bad tee shot, and maintaining their composure through the highs and lows of the game is a key to success on the links.

Maintaining that composure isn't always easy, even for the professionals. It's even more difficult for beginners, who quickly learn the game of golf involves more than spending sunny weekend afternoons on pristine golf courses. In fact, golf can be quite demanding, and beginners would be wise to heed a few tips before hitting the course.

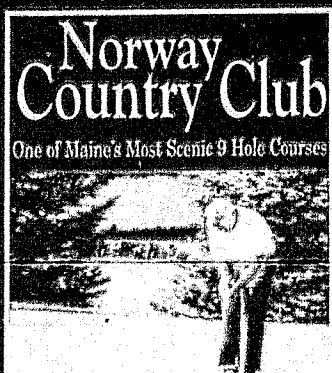
Don't commit to an expensive set of clubs right off the bat. Golf clubs can be very expensive, so beginners should buy an affordable second-hand set of clubs so they can get the hang of what they like before committing big dollars. Visit a pro shop and explain that you are just beginning. The shop will likely make some valuable suggestions and might even let you try out a pair of clubs. In addition, many driving ranges allow customers to rent clubs, and this can be a great and inexpensive way to find the right clubs for you.

Take lessons. Even the very best at self-teaching might find it extremely difficult to become a self-taught golfer. When first trying your hand at golf, take some lessons and don't expect to be playing 18 holes any time soon. Before hitting the course, where you might be

discouraged and frustrate those golfing behind you, learn the fundamentals by taking a few lessons at the driving range. Learn from a professional, who won't offer you any hidden secrets to golfing glory (there aren't any), but will offer sound advice on the games fundamentals.

Take the game home with you. Beginners can even take advantage of golf's vast popularity by taking the game home with them. This doesn't mean building a putting green in your backyard. Rather, purchase some instructional DVDs to learn the game during your down time throughout the week. Many golfers don't have time to hit the links during the week, but they do have time to watch some DVDs when they get home from work. Such instructional DVDs can help you master your grip and stance, which you can then take with you to the course over the weekend.

Have fun. Golf is a fun game, it just takes time to hone your skills. But even if you aren't ready for the professional tour after your first few rounds, you can still have fun. Don't let some beginner's frustration, which every golfer experiences, ruin the fun of the game. Take note of your surroundings when you hit the links, and appreciate the time you're spending with your group. If the game becomes more a source of frustration than fun, then take a break and put in some more work away from the course, be it at the driving range or studying at home.



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by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT GAME DO HORSES PLAY?

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LASTED	___	LEADS	ENTERS	___	STERN
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BREATH	___	EARTH	SENATE	___	TEASE
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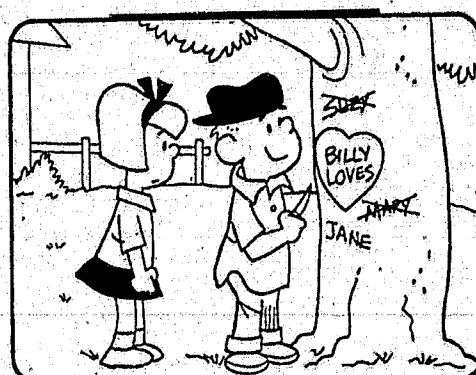
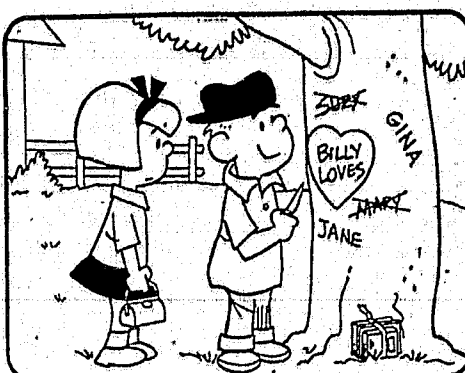
For more puzzle fun, go to www.braintz.com

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Hair is different. 2. Rail is missing. 3. Purse is missing. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Name is missing. 6. Books are missing.

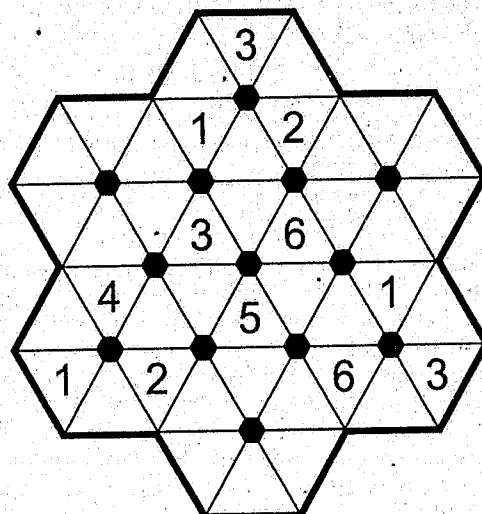
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

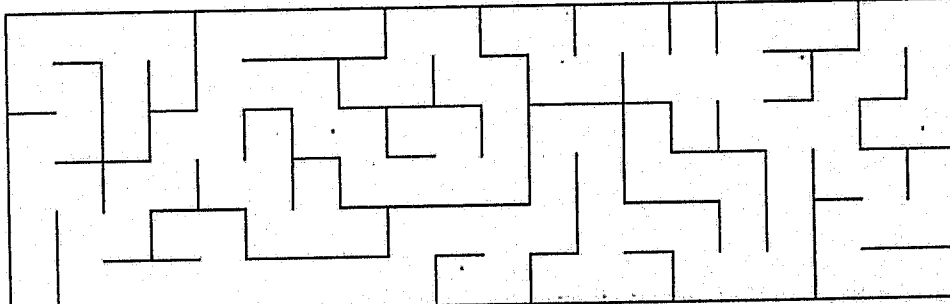


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Kids' Maze

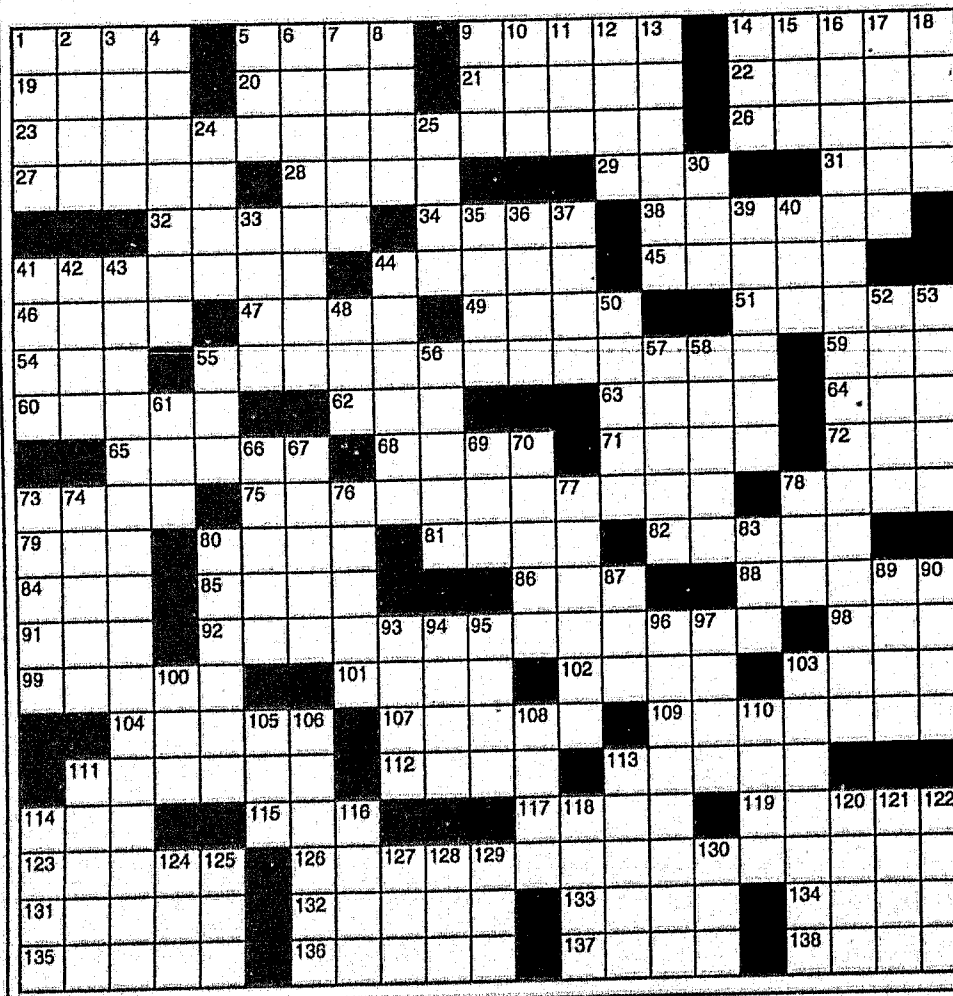


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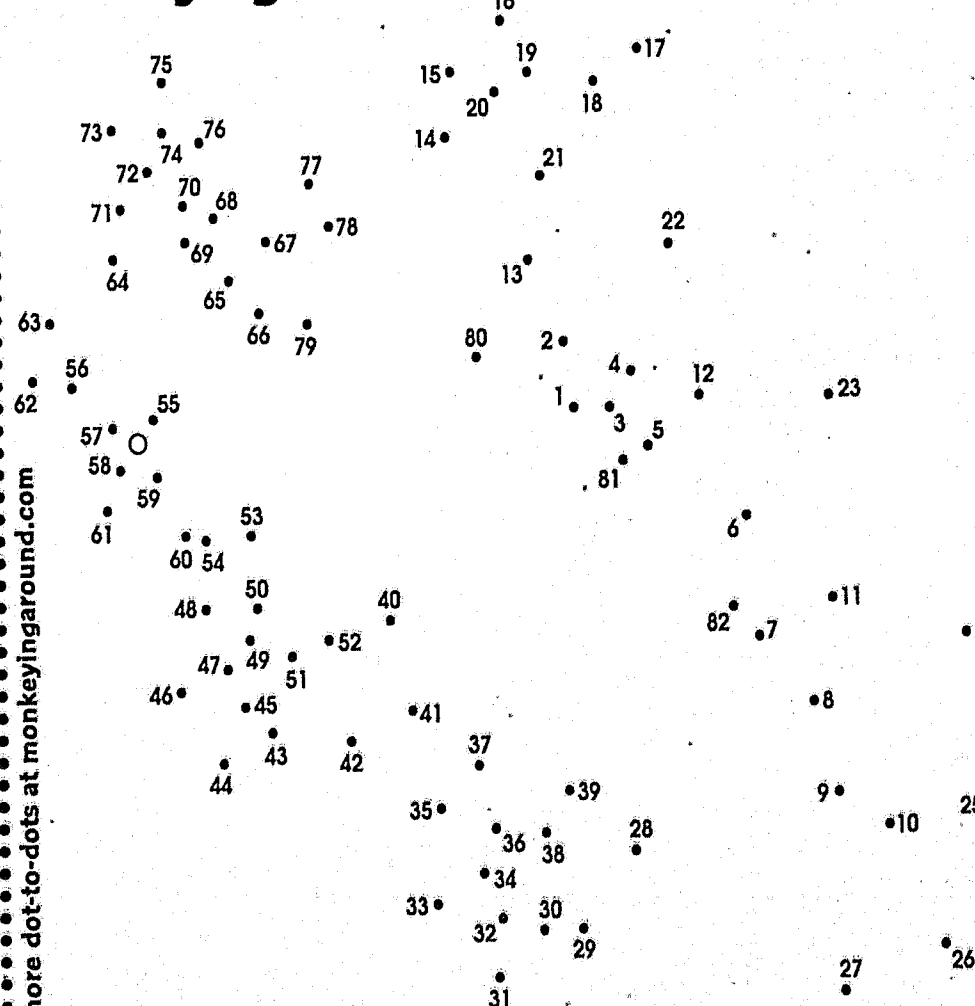
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 - 23 Legendary drummer?
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 - 27 Alpha
 - 28 Use the microwave
 - 29 — Pan
 - 31 Cable channel
 - 32 Vote in
 - 34 Use a dagger
 - 38 Shadow
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 - 82 Actor Reeves
 - 84 Sprawl on the sofa
 - 85 Computer image
 - 86 "Winter of Artifice" author
 - 88 Terra —
 - 91 Aspin or Paul
 - 92 "It's Too Late" singer?
 - 98 Letters of credit?
 - 99 Move through mud
 - 101 Part of NB
 - 102 Literary contraction
 - 103 A real Swede guy
 - 104 Nick of "Canary Row"
 - 107 "The — Man" (72 song)
 - 109 Most laconic
 - 111 Vietnam's —
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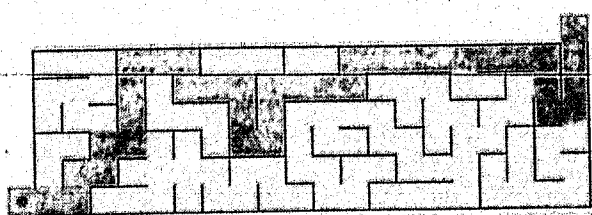
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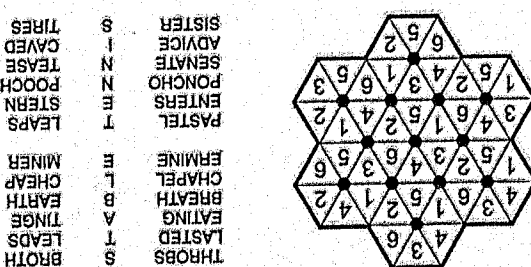


By David Kalvitis

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Kids' Maze Solution



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Super Crossword

Today's Word: Smaller

Scramblers: 1. Prime 2. Allow 3. Enfold 4. Onset

ANSWERS:

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Community Calendar

Bethel Farmers Market open Saturdays thru Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Norway Savings Bank on Parkway, Bethel. Locally-grown fruits/veggies, naturally raised beef, pork, lamb, maple syrup, honey, baked goods, fruit spreads, fresh lobsters (cooked on site), bethelfarmersmarket.com or call 890-6859.

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat, thru June 30

"My Picture Book," exhibit by local artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin at West Paris Public Library. Displayed artwork spans 43 years. Library open 1 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 674-2004.

Thru Aug. 18

Strangers and Others: Interpretations of the Human Face, art display 9 to 1 p.m. at Fryeburg Academy's Palmina S. and Stephen F. Pace Galleries, 18 Bradley Street, Free, open to public. Reception to meet artists June 16, 1 to 3 p.m. FMI: 935-9232 or e-mail boxoffice@fryeburgacademy.org

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, June thru Aug.

Summer Welding Program for Dislocated Workers, provided by Region 9 Adult Education and Rumford Career Center to prepare individuals to take Welding I Certification exam takes place at Region 9, Mexico, during the day. If interested, call Marlene Gile at 364-3738. Minimum of 8 students needed to run program.

Thursday, June 7

Absentee Ballot Deadline reminder. Ballots must be requested by close of business June 7. May be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 12. Online Absentee Ballot Request Service available www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl

7:30 p.m. - **Brick Church for the Performing Arts**, Christian Hill Road, Lovell, benefit performance by Heather Masse and Jed Wilson. Tickets: \$15 available at door. Refreshments at intermission. Proceeds for rebuilding belfry. FMI: 925-2792 or visit www.lovellbrickchurch.org.

Saturday, June 9

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **"Green Sweep" Garage Sale** hosted by Hebron Academy Parents at Robinson Arena, Route 119, Hebron. Free and open to public. Each year students leave items in dorms such as sports equipment, clothing, books, dorm room necessities (bedding lamps, clocks). FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org.

9 a.m. - **Rumford Whitecap Work Day RESCHEDULED** from June 2 by Mahoosuc Land Trust (due to rain). Bring gloves, small hand tools such as clippers and loppers, lunch and water. Refreshments provided end of day. Meet Whitecap Parking area, East Andover road, Rumford. FMI: directions: call 824-3806 or e-mail info@mahoosuc.org.

Produce Pursuit 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run, fundraiser for Woodstock Elementary School's fruit/vegetable healthy snack program. 8 a.m.-free 1-mile Kids Fun Run on Rumford Avenue for 12 and under. 9 a.m.-5K run walkers all ages and abilities (\$20 to event day, onsite registration race day \$25. Registration thru June 7 at active.com and also Woodstock Elementary. FMI/questions: 665-2228.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Hazardous Waste Day**, Andover Transfer Station. FMI: pick up flier at Transfer Station.

June 9, 16, 23, 30

7 to 10 p.m. - **Dance**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5.

Sunday, June 10

11 a.m. - **Annual Androscoggin Canoe/Kayak Race** (all age groups). Registration 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Outdoor Adventure Center. FW-4-mile recreational race, 8 mile Pro boats and Cruiser. Contact: 547-3594.

2 p.m. - **Celebration and Dedication Service**, with special music, for sculptures created by Gilman B. Whitman and given to Locke Mills Union Church, UCC, in memory of his wife, Elizabeth Noyes Whitman, will be presented at Locke Mills Union Church, UCC. An Open House with pictures and other sculptures which Gil has created and light refreshments will follow.

4 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center Performing Arts Series** presents RP Hale: Master Harpsichordist in special North Country Interactive Concert. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$6 students or by season ticket membership. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H., or Facebook, or www.stkieranarts.org

Tuesday, June 12

5 p.m. - **Flag Disposal** at American Legion Mundt-Allen Post 81, Vernon Street, Bethel, to be followed by meeting. To dispose of worn American Flags, drop off to Jeri Greenwell at Brooks Brothers Hardware, Main Street, Bethel.

5 to 9:30 p.m. - **Supper/Dance**, American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Music by Jones Band. Doors open 4 p.m. Adults \$10/child \$3.

Wednesday, June 13

7 p.m. - **Bethel Town Meeting**, Crescent Park School.

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **SeniorsPlus** at Greenwood Town Office to answer questions and concerns about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to public. FMI/appointment: (800) 427-1241.

11 a.m. - **Senior Citizens Club** dinner/meeting at Black Diamond Restaurant, Sunday River. Cost \$10 with choice of meatloaf or turkey. Reservations and choice of dinner must be made before June 1 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877). Speaker will be Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant.

7 p.m. - **History of the Weary Club** by Wayne Chandler at Norway Historical Society, 471 Main Street, Norway. FMI: www.norwayhistoricalsociety.org or 743-7377.

June 15 thru summer

2012 Oxford County Big Tree Contest. Oxford County Soil and Water District and Maine Forest Service need help in finding the biggest native trees in the county. It is hoped to find 14 Conifers (evergreens) and 52 Native Broadleaf (leafy). List of trees at www.oxfordswd.net, office 17 Olson Road, South Paris, or call Jean Federico 743-5789, ext. 111. Tree guides available to help in search. Need permission from landowner to go on and nominate a tree.

Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16

Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center offering Wilderness First Aid (SOLO) Training and re-certification. Training Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two-year certification. FMI/register: 665-2068 or visit www.umaine.edu/bryantpond.

Saturday, June 16

McLaughlin Garden Bus Trip to Tower Hill Botanic Garden near Worcester, Mass., and Fuller Gardens, North Hampton, N.H., and Blanchette Gardens, Carlisle, Mass. FMI: Judy Florenz (739-9921) or 743-8820.

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** workshop (free), hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center, South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>.

River Day/Wingzilla, Northern Forest Heritage Park, 942 Main Street, Berlin, N.H. BBQ Chicken Wing Cook-off and horseshoe tournament, children's activities, aquatic displays, interactive exhibits, much more. Free admission. FMI: (603) 752-7202.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club** at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Caller: Walt Bull/cuer: Sandra Burke. Refreshments. Door prizes. Admission: \$6. Non dancers welcome no charge. FMI: www.squaredanceme.us/ or call Eleanor Herrick 782-4050.

8 p.m. - **Celebration Barn Theater**, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris, presents "Circus Worx" with Brent McCoy. Tickets: adults \$14, seniors \$12, students and kids \$8. FMI: Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. FMI: 743-8452 or visit www.brentmccoy.com.

Sunday, June 17

1 p.m. - **East Bethel School Reunion**, sponsored by Alder River Grange 145. Refreshments. PowerPoint presentation on history of school. Attendees urged to bring photos. All former students cordially invited; also anyone interested in learning more about East Bethel and its history.

Monday, June 18

10 a.m. - **Free Workshop**, Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI/register: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Tuesday, June 19

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **AARP Driver Safety Course** for drivers 50 and older at Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26, Bethel. Designed to help drivers learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, rules of the road, etc. Fee: \$14. Advance registration required: call Nancy Bellinger (824-2289) or Barry Patrie (583-9954).

5:30 p.m. - **Social Security Seminar**, Western Maine Community College Center (WMUCC), South Paris. Buffet dinner served. Space limited. FMI: Jessica Putnam 743-2041 by June 11.

Wednesday, June 20

1 to 4 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus** at Norway Town Hall to answer questions or concerns. All events free and open to public. FMI/appointment: (800) 427-1241.

6 to 7 p.m. - **Diabetes Support Group**, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building, Norway. FMI: 744-6052.

Thursday, June 21

1 to 7 p.m. - **Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop**, Stephen and Tabitha King Meeting Room, Charlotte Hobbs Library. Bring sandwich for supper. Free. Pre-registration required. Contact Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) at www.vlmp.org or call 783-7735.

Saturday, June 23

5:30 p.m. - **Woodstock High School Alumni Banquet**, American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke Mills. Adults \$10. FMI: 665-2088.

8 p.m. - **Celebration Barn Theater**, 190 Stock Farm Road, South Paris, presents Susan Poulin in "The Moose in Me/The Moose in You." Tickets: adults \$14, seniors \$12, students and kids \$8. FMI: Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. FMI: 743-8452 or visit www.poolyle.com

Monday, June 25

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Constellation Energy, Bethel Area Chamber Golf Classic** at Bethel Inn Resort. \$125 per person, \$600 Gold Sponsorship (team of four). 9 a.m. shotgun start. FMI: Hiram Towle, Golf Committee Chair, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce (824-2282).

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - **Safe Sitter Class**, Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street, Norway). Fee: \$50. FMI: 743-1562 ext 6951.

Monday-Friday, June 25-29

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Camp)** with Health Careers Twist for students grades 6-8 at White Mountain Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. FMI/registration materials: www.wmcc.edu or contact Jody Camille at jcamille@ccsnh.edu or call (603) 752-1113, Ext. 3019. Camp tuition \$225 (scholarships available).

Tuesday, June 26

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. - **Tips for Tips: Training for Restaurant Wait Staff** workshop at Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Price: \$20 for members of the Bethel, Oxford Hills or River Valley chambers, \$25 non Chamber members, and \$10 each additional member from same business. FMI/Register: Mia Purcell 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org or go to WMEDC's website www.wmedc.org click on WMEDC Events.

Thursday, June 28

7 p.m. - **Upton Town Meeting** at school building.

Friday, June 29

7:30 p.m. - **"You Can't Kill Stephen King"** special film screening at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$8 adults/\$5 students. FMI/tickets: Box Office 935-9232 or online www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac.

Saturday, June 30

All day - **Western Maine's Largest Yard Sale**, Sunday River Ski Resort parking area adjacent to South Ridge, Cost for space \$10. FMI: visit sundayriver.com.

Monday, July 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering Waterford Library. Meeting topic: "Washington's Low Approval Rating: What's To Be Done?" Joanne Morse moderator. FMI: 583-6957, e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Wednesday, July 4

11:30 a.m. - **Fourth of July Community Picnic**, side lawn of Dr. Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, Bethel. After presentations of colors and the National Anthem, two-hour concert by Portland Brass Quintet. (rain: at Middle Intervale Meetinghouse)

Saturday, July 7

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **23rd Annual Bethel Art Fair.** Features 9th ARTIronclad Chair Auction. Honors Artist and Novelist Arla Patch with Solo exhibit Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy, four arts studios and galleries, etc. FMI: 824-3575.

1:30 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society** lecture/book signing by James Witherell, author of "L.L. Bean / The Man and His Company: The Complete Story" at Mason House Exhibit Hall. FMI: 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, July 12, 13 14

Norway Arts Festival. Performance activity (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) takes place at Beal's Parking Lot, corner Main and Cottage streets, downtown Norway. FMI: www.norwayartsfestival.org

Saturday, July 14

Kora Shriners host 7th Annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic Golf Tournament at Turner Highlands Country Club, Turner. Open to first 36 teams registered. Cost: \$100 per golfer. 50/50 raffle and door prizes, \$10,000 hold-in-one. FMI: www.korashriners.org/Lobster-Bowl/Golf.

Tuesdays, July 17, Aug. 7, Sept. 11

2 to 4 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden Power Propagators.** Volunteers meet in back corner of barn.

Saturday, July 28

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date July 29) - **Moore Park Art Show**, South Paris. Artists invited to apply. FMI: www.MooreParkArtShow.org or call 890-9399 or e-mail ooreparkart@gmail.com.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

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AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across

from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 869-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 864-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-8300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

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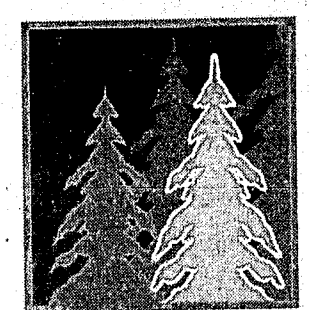
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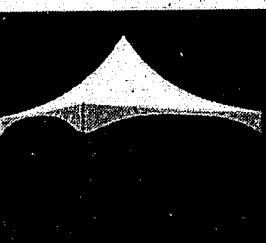
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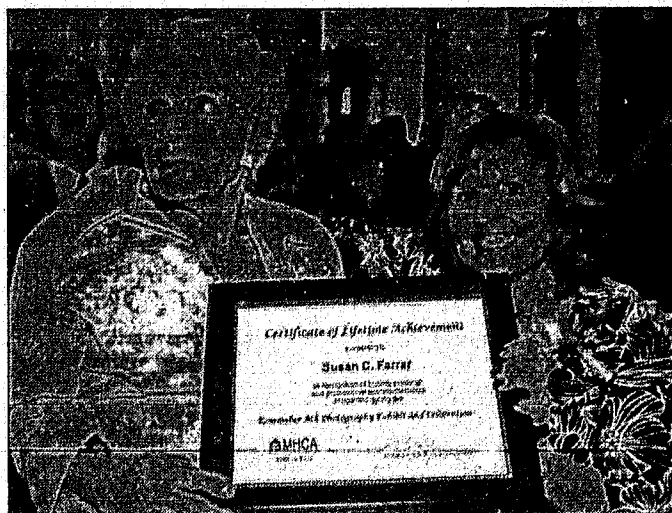
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Susan Clement Farrar was honored at the State House Hall of Flags on April 13, as part of the Remember ME program.

In reviewing the entries from long-term care centers, the judges considered the resident's personal story and how it is significant, or how the resident has overcome adversity. Secondary to the life story, judges also measured age, gender, geography, past facility participation, and adherence to nomination criteria in making their decisions. The judges honored 36 individuals, while presenting the remaining with Honorable Mention Awards.

Attending the ceremony beside her nurse and the director of Market Square Health Center, Maryanne Gallows, were her daughter, Lisa Farrar Fox and great-granddaughter Meile Fox. Also attending the presentation was Stare Representative Jarrod Crockett, as well Governor Paul LePage's wife.

Susan, or Miss Sue, is a 94-year-old powerhouse who came to Market Square just about a year ago to share her expertise with other residents, staff and families. She has always been ahead of her time in thinking about health, vitality and movement. The thought of living with other elders who had health issues was at first overwhelming. But Miss Sue then asked, "What can I do to help rather than what can you do to help me?" This is a life philosophy that has served her well.

Miss Sue was born in Massachusetts to Lithuanian immigrants who later settled in Mexico, Maine. She was raised in a peaceful community with a great appreciation for music, peace and education. Miss Sue spent some time in New York City, where she studied ballet with the Arthur Murray School and practiced with the famous Rockettes. But alas, she was too short to be considered for a Rockette position. She met her husband in New York and they moved to Arizona before returning to teach dance in Maine. They settled in Bethel where she raised four children and taught them to be aware of what they were eating and how their bodies moved. Her thinking was ahead of the times. In Bethel and South Paris, she rented community halls and opened the doors to teach dance to the communities. Sue is very proud of having started the Christmas Living Nativity in Bethel, which continues 50 years later.

In her eighties, Miss Sue completed her BS in English and Literature at the University of Maine driving herself to classes. She has visited and studied with scholars in England and had the opportunity to write an article called "Crashing the Bolshevik" when she decided to drop in at the Bolshevik Theatre. Miss Sue has written and published several dance books, as well as a book called "Where is my Nana?" dedicated to her sister who had Alzheimer's disease. Miss Sue's true love has been about her heritage and she has published a book about Lithuania, which she keeps at her bedside. Since arriving at Market Square, Miss Sue has had the opportunity to teach classes about dance and Lithuania to other residents and the community. She believes that ballet is the fundamental form of dance and just recently was seen teaching her young great-granddaughter the steps of ballet during a family visit. She continues to work on her next book and has shown all of us that learning and sharing with others is a lifetime achievement.

Sports

High School Varsity Softball

Dirigo 11, Telstar 0; May 30-A strong Dirigo team defeated the Rebels. Alyssa Wade, the Cougar pitcher, held the Rebels to only 4 hits and did not walk a batter. For the Rebels, Taylor Savage, Rachael Wheeler, Ellie Conrad had singles and Jessica Dirigo had a long double for the only Telstar offense. The Rebels hit the ball but mostly at the Dirigo defense and they played errorless ball. Walks and errors led to a 7 run 5th inning that was the Telstar demise. The team finishes at 7-7 for the season. -Coach Jim Lunney

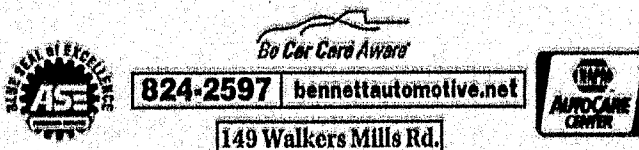
High School J.V. Softball

Dirigo 6, Telstar 5; May 30-Telstar ended their season with a loss in their only road game of the year. The Rebels led the whole game, and with 2 outs in the bottom of the 7th clinging to a 5-4 lead when a stinging line drive to the center field fence scored the two runners on base resulting in the defeat. Jenny Wakefield pitched the complete game allowing 4 hits, 6 walks, and striking out 8 and was able to finish the game after taking a line drive off her shoulder and face. Katie Merrill led the team with 2 base hits including a big 2 RBI single in the 4th inning to pad the lead, 2 hits by Kijah Bartlett, and singles by Vanessa Godwin and Gabi Stone. The team played very well and showed great improvement as the season went on and finish with a record of 4-1. -Coach Mark Kenney

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Local adventure racers to tackle Championship qualifier

A decade ago in Telluride, Colo., Bethel-area locals Tracyn Thayer and Norm Greenberg crossed the finish line of the 7-day 2002 Subaru Primal Quest Adventure Race their Kiwi Teammates; an impressive top 10 finish (out of nearly 80 International teams). After 7 competitive seasons of multi-day international racing, they decided it was a good time to end their racing career and start a family.

Jump ahead to 2012, they have come "out of retirement," coerced by another Bethel local and Gould Academy staff member, Chris Hayward, to join him and prepare for the 2012 Adventure Racing World Championship Qualifier called the New England Untamed Adventure Race. This race is centered out of Northern Outdoors at The Forks, Maine, and will take place from June 19-24.

They will compete in a field of 50 teams, with the PRO division consisting of 4-person, co-ed teams. Team "ARaDecadeLater" will be racing as Team #7. Chris, Norm and Tracyn will be joined by veteran Adventure Racer, Harald Zundel, from California, perhaps the most experienced member of the team, with a hundred Adventure Races under his belt since 1998.

Traditionally, in adventure racing, teams are made aware of the disciplines ahead of time, but the unmarked course is NOT revealed until the night before the start. Then, teams must study maps, plan their route and pack their gear to carry.

This event is unsupported, meaning, no support crews are allowed to resupply the teams at any point, and each team member is only allowed 35 pounds of gear in a gear bag (transported by the race organization to certain points) for the entire 3-4 day non-stop event.

This year's disciplines include: mountain biking, whitewater rafting, packrafting, trekking/running, orienteering (this must be done the entire time, as the course is not marked), ropes (rappelling, ascending, tyrolean traversing), and canoeing/kayaking.

Each discipline may occur only once or many times. It is not a relay event, meaning part of the challenge of the race is keeping your 4-person team traveling together, efficiently and harmoniously, on as little sleep as possible.

There is no 'sleep' scheduled into the event, and sleep becomes a big strategy - too much and you'll be left behind, too little and you'll be too inefficient. Many teams will implode due to the sheer physical demands, and many others will mentally drive their team to completion.

Tracyn and Norm are hoping to channel some of their past experience to help them complete this upcoming challenge.

Chris Hayward was on a winning team in the Untamed in 2009 (in a different location, as Adventure Races never use the same course), and Harald will be contributing a wealth of experience as well as his precise navigational skills to the team.

When asked their goal for the race, Tracyn said, "we'd be lying if we said we weren't going into this competing for the win. But, personally, I have to realize I am 40-something, and don't have the time I had to train pre-kids, however, I feel I'm in better shape than I've been in years. Collectively as a team, we are each well-rounded, strong, very experienced, mature and level-headed. The butterflies are already taking residence inside...."

Teams will be wearing GPS 'spot' trackers, so make sure to logon to www.UntamedNE.com for live coverage, as well as anytime to look at the International team lists, required gear the teams must carry, race organizer information, forum discussions as well as teams still looking for a teammate.

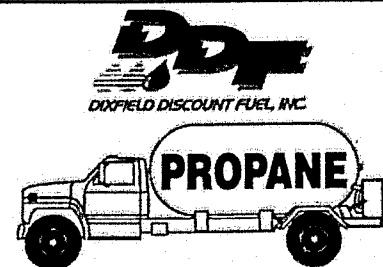
This team has competed all over the world in Expedition Length (more than 5 days) races such as the Eco-Challenge, Southern Traverse, Elf Authentic Adventure Race, Raid Gauloises, Mild Seven Outdoor Quest, BVI Adventure Race, Subaru Primal Quest, Beast of the East, Raid the North Extreme, just to name a few. They will surely be a team to watch.

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Most famous are the "treasure stories." These include the burying of Indian gold in West Paris beneath a trap hung in trees, as well as similar tales involving White Cap in Andover and Hemlock Island in East Bethel.

The Mollyockett Treasure Hunt will commemorate those tales by offering a \$500 cash prize to the person(s) who finds the hidden treasure, in this case a medallion. The object of the hunt is to decipher a series of clues and locate the medallion, which will be hidden on public land somewhere within a 30-minute drive of Bethel.

Clues, each different and increasingly site-specific, will be published once a week for six weeks in The Bethel Citizen. Clues will also be available on Saturdays on our website bethelcitizen.com or on our Facebook page. This year Mollyockett Days take place on July 21 & 22. The first clue will be published in The Citizen's June 14 edition, the last in the edition of July 19. If the medallion is found prior to July 19, the find will be announced as soon as possible in The Citizen's online (bethelcitizen.com) and print editions.

If the medallion is not found by 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, the hunt will be terminated. If it is found (as it always has been), the cash prize of \$500 will be presented later that day in the gazebo on the Bethel Common.

Treasure-Hunt Rules

Anyone is eligible to join the thrilling hunt except past winners, employees and immediate family members of Sun Media Group, and contest sponsors or partners. To claim the prize money, you must be 18 years or older.

The finder of the Mollyockett Treasure Hunt medallion must immediately return the medallion to The Bethel Citizen office at 19 Main Street, Bethel (behind the town office), or call (207) 824-2444 for instructions.

The medallion is made of aluminum and is approximately two inches in diameter. It is generally hidden in or attached to something else. The medallion is not buried below ground, searchers do not need to destroy property to find it, this includes digging up the ground. We reserve the right to discontinue the hunt at any time if public property is destroyed.

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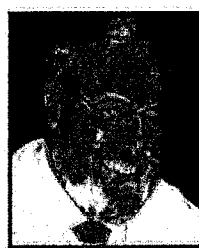
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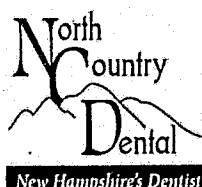
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OLIVE L. ELLIOT

Mrs. Olive L. Elliot, CNA, age 87, died Monday, May 28, 2012 at the Rumford Hospital. She was a resident of Roxbury Pond Road in Andover.

Born in Byron, Maine, on Aug. 24, 1924 she was the fourth of ten children born to Herbert and Myrtle (Easter) Lohnes. She left school at the age of 14 to work cleaning and cooking in her father's lumber camps around Oquossoc and the Rangeley Lakes area. She met the love of her life, Elmer "Whitey" Elliot while she was housekeeping at Kennebago back in 1947, he was working as a Maine Guide. She always wished she could have finished high school, so in 1992 she got her wish and graduated from night school and got her diploma. She also got her nursing certificate and worked as a CNA at the Victorian Villa in Canton for many years. Later in life she would do private nursing in homes. She was a giving and generous person who always had a smile.

She loved her family and friends. Her grandchildren were always a favorite topic. She loved her

pets especially Ole Rottie Toots, her Collie Heide and Miss Kitty and Gertrude her pet goose. She loved nature, brook fishing, canoeing, and going to camp. She played the piano and could sing and yodel like an angel. Her favorite book was the Bible and all of its teachings.

She was married in Rumford, Maine, on Sept. 24, 1948 to Elmer M. "Whitey" Elliot who died in Rumford on Feb. 14, 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Eva Coolidge and husband John of East Bethel, Maine; a son, Matthew Elliot and fiancée Linda Smith of Andover; 8 grandchildren, Ryan, Shelley, John, Brandy, Betty, Tina, Jason, Larry; many great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lizzy Textor and husband Walter, Jr of Lewiston, Byrl Comstock and husband Darold of Mexico, Flossie Rose and husband Norbert of Mexico. She was predeceased by her parents; husband; infant daughter, Betty Ann; sisters, Irene, Elsie, Jessie, Mary, Voghn; and a brother, Urban.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadersandson.com.

Funeral services were held 12 Noon on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, Maine, with Pastor Larry Shaw officiating. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover,

Maine. Those who desire may contribute to McKennels Animal Adoption Agency, 88 Hall Hill Road, Rumford, ME 04276 in her memory.

LEATRICE J. RECORD

Leatrice June (Millet) Record, 82, of South Paris passed away Friday, May 25, 2012 at the Hospice House with her loving family at her side.

Leatrice was born June 13, 1929, in South Paris, the daughter of Bertram F. Millet and Elva G. (Chapman) Millet. She lived in East Waterford most of her childhood and attended school in Waterford. She was a sharp student, an outstanding softball player and played basketball at Bridgton Academy and graduated in 1946 at the age of 16.

On Jan. 24, 1948, Leatrice married Edwin H. Record. They were married in a double wedding with her close childhood friend Geneva Foster, who married Harold Springer.

In her teen years, Lea worked at a summer camp on Keoka Lake in Waterford. She worked for many years in the apple business, picking and packing apples for Wesso Orchards and later Cooper Farms of West Paris. She liked working in the orchards during the fall harvest. She looked forward to her summers off to spend time with her family and help raise her grandchildren.

She loved going "up to camp" in the Rangeley Lakes region where she enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling and the outdoors.

Leatrice enjoyed children, baking, dancing, quilting, playing cards, and she was an excellent housekeeper.

She had a great sense of humor and was known for her witty one-liners. She looked forward to laughing it up or "YawHawing," as she put it, with her friends, "The Girls," on their lunch excursions and outings.

Leatrice lived a long and fulfilled life with her husband, Ed, close family and their many good friends.

She is survived by her brother, Roger Millet and his thoughtful wife Helen of Turner; her aunt, Thelma (Chapman) Gallant and her husband Yvon of Auburn; her caring husband of 64 years Edwin; sons, Bradley Record of South Paris and Douglas Record and his wife Julie of North Haven; a grandson, Shane Record and his wife Artemis of Salem, N.H.; granddaughters, Jenny Record and Lindsey Record of South Paris; step-granddaughter, Catherine Corson and her husband Kenny of North Haven; great-grandsons, Jackson, Benjamin and Odin; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

SIMONNE M. LAVALLEE

Simonne M. (Kelly) Lavallee, age 89, formerly of Upton, Maine, passed away, on May 28, 2012, at Rumford Community Home in Rumford, Maine, following a period of declining health.

Simonne was born in Canada, on Oct. 10, 1922, a daughter of the late William and Maria (Baron) Kelly.

She married Armand Lavallee and together they raised three sons and a daughter.

A longtime resident of Berlin, N.H., Simonne was a member of Guardian Angel Parish now known as St. Anne Church of Good Shepherd Parish in Berlin and was a member of the Ladies Aid Association of Upton. She enjoyed spending time with family and will be remembered for her crafts.

She was employed at Tilton Rubber Company in Berlin, N.H., and then as a maid at the Balsams Resort in Dixville Notch, N.H.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Armand on Jan. 20, 1988, a son, Roger Lavallee; a sister, Rolande Pratt; and a brother, Leo Paul Kelly.

She is survived by two sons; Laurent Lavallee and Wilfred Lavallee both of Upton, Maine; and a daughter, Lucille Largesse and her husband Earl of Colebrook, N.H.; two brothers, George Kelly and his wife Rose-Aline of Berlin, N.H., and Roger Kelly and his wife Nancy of Texas; twelve grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

At her request there will be no calling hours.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Route 26, Errol, N.H. Burial will be private at the Upton Cemetery in Upton, Maine. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the charity of one's choice. Online guestbook at www.fleury-patry.com.

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PETER NASON

Peter Nason, 74, of Albany Township passed away Sunday, June 3, 2012 at his residence, with his loving wife by his side.

He was born in Lewiston, Dec. 30, 1937, son of Harry Nason Sr. and Harriet Files Nason. He was a graduate of Edward Little High School, Kimball Union Prep School, University of Maine and ROTC — Sigma Chi Fraternity. He proudly served his country as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Throughout his working career, he sold real estate, worked at RCA and Mecon Manufacturing, taught at Oxford Hills High School and Poland School and was a Maine guide. He was past president for the Waterford World's Fair. Peter loved playing horseshoes, hunting, fishing, collecting antique clocks and dancing.

He is survived by his wife of 19 and a half years, Judith (Hemingway) of Albany Township; two sons, Joshua of Manchester, N.H., and Adam of Somerville, Mass.; sister, Caroline Bither of Wilmington, Del; three nephews; one niece; one great-nephew; and two great-nieces.

He was predeceased by his mother and father; brother, Donald; stepbrothers, Bernard and Harry Jr.; and brother-in-law, Peter Bither.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours Friday, June 8 from 10 to 11 a.m., with a funeral service at 11 a.m. at Oxford Hills and Weston Funeral Services, 1037 Main Street, Oxford. Interment will follow at Gracelawn Memorial Park, Turner Street, Auburn with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peter's memory to the Stoneham Rescue, P.O. Box 42, Stoneham, ME 04231.

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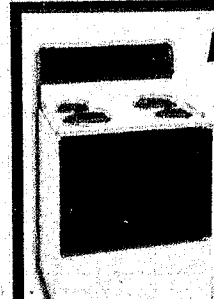
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